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## Heartland Genealogy May-Aug 2021

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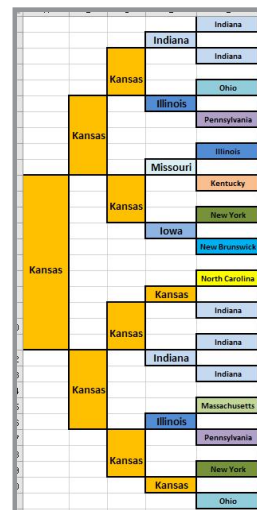
# Favorite Place

Saturday, May 01, 2021

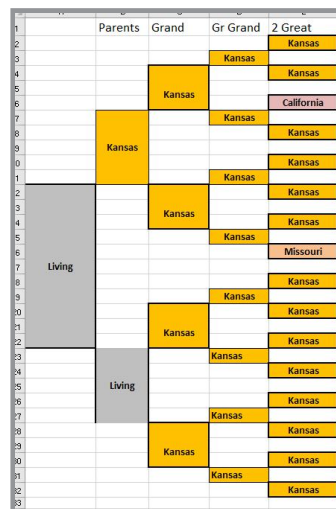
#52ancestors

Do you have a favorite place? When I first saw this writing prompt, I was taking it personally. Then today, I read several of the ways one could interpret this prompt. Now, I'm viewing this prompt from the perspective of my genealogy research. Based on this new perspective, I have to say my favorite place is Kansas.

- My tree is deeply rooted in Kansas. My great-grandparents were all born in Kansas. Almost all of my ancestors thru my 2nd great grandparents died in Kansas.



## State of Birth



## State of Death

- Many of the register of deeds offices in Kansas have a unique resource called the Range Index. These indexes trace the ownership of sections of land over the years. Using these indexes requires that one knows the section, township and range description of the land. However, they can quickly provide the volume and page

numbers for all of the land transactions for that parcel of land. Unfortunately, one needs to visit the courthouse to access these indexes.

DATE	NAME OF GRANTOR	NAME OF GRANTEE	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	ACRES	PRICE
1871	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1872	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1873	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1874	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1875	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1876	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1877	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1878	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1879	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1880	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1881	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1882	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1883	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1884	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1885	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1886	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1887	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1888	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1889	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00
1890	John A. Smith	George A. Smith	1/2 Sec. 10, T. 15 N., R. 15 E.	40	\$100.00

### Coffey County Range Index

- The Kansas State Historical Society has a 'nearly comprehensive collection of newspapers for the state.' When I first started doing genealogical research, these newspapers were mostly available on microfilm. Many of those early newspapers have been digitized. Over the years, these newspapers have proven to be very beneficial to my research.
- Besides their newspaper collection, the Kansas State Historical Society's library and archive collection has been a great help with my genealogy research over the years.
- Kansas also has state census records that help track families between the federal census records. The 1885 and 1895 Kansas census help fill in the blanks around the missing 1890 federal census. The Kansas State Historical Society has microfilm of these records. They have also worked with Ancestry to make them available on Ancestry's site.

I am grateful for all of the Kansas records that have been created, collected and preserved over the years.



# DNA Matches

Sunday, May 02, 2021

#SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans: It's Saturday Night again –  
Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**



Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):

- 1) Have you done an autosomal DNA test? If so, which testing company/ies?
- 2) Of your Top 10 DNA matches on any site, how many are a known relative, and are they in your family tree? No names...but give a known relationship if possible.

I tested with Ancestry and transferred my DNA to GedMatch, MyHeritage and FamilyTreeDNA. Besides my data, I also manage DNA tests for my mother and my two brothers on Ancestry.

On Ancestry, my test have lots of matches. I have so many matches that it takes forever for the page to completely load. Since Ancestry won't tell me how many matches I have until the page loads, I don't have readily available DNA stats. I did take the time to figure this out a couple of weeks ago. Below are those stats.

Me mom Brother Brother All Matches 113,912 76,610 118,126 128,403 Close Matches 3,861 2,853 4,083 4840 Distant Matches 110,051 73,757 114,043 123563

Below are the top ten matches (excluding immediate family members) for the four tests that I manage on Ancestry. Note that I am MC in the below table and all relationships are to me. RC is my mother.

Relationship to MC	Share MC	Share DC	Share TC	Share RC
1st cousin	1007 cM	1042 cM	748 cM	1863 cM
1st cousin 1X removed	603 cM	426 cM	485 cM	1056 cM
1st cousin 1X removed	555 cM	362 cM	577 cM	971 cM
1st cousin 1X removed	400 cM	406 cM	203 cM	707 cM
1st cousin 1X removed	371 cM	385 cM		
2nd Cousin	335 cM		209 cM	
double 2nd cousin 1x Removed	307 cM	285 cM	363 cM	514 cM
1st cousin 1X removed	305 cM	367 cM	259 cM	
Second Cousin	281 cM	242 cM		486 cM
Second Cousin	203 cM			390 cM
double 3rd cousin /		296 cM	215 cM	359 cM
likely in tree - but haven't received confirmation		210 cM		343 cM
no tree			233 cM	
Second Cousin			199 cM	
1st cousin 2x removed				292 cM

### Ancestry top matches

Even though I have my DNA on other sites, I have to confess that I haven't spent a lot of time figuring out the relationships. Of the first page of my matches on MyHeritage, only one is a close relationship, a second cousin. The rest of the matches are distant cousins. Unfortunately, many of those matches either have a very small tree or no tree. Since these are distant cousins, I haven't taken the time to contact them to begin figuring out our relationship.

cM	Relationship
215.4 cM	second cousin
116.8 cM	tree too small
111.9 cM	not in my tree -- but grandmother of my match is
82.7 cM	tree too small
73.5 cM	tree too small
28.4 cM	no tree
62 cM	not in my tree -- but Gallimore surname familiar
59.3 cM	not in my tree - but Beckerdite surname familiar

### MyHeritage Top Matches

Some of my known cousins have transferred their DNA to GedMatch. However, many of my closer matches are not in my tree. Again, the lack of a tree (gedcom) file makes it more difficult for me to figure out the relationship.

Shared cM	Relationship
387.2 cM	1st cousin 1X removed
159 cM	1st cousin 2x removed
112.3 cM	not in my tree - Gallimore surname
95.1 cM	2nd cousin
95.1cM	2nd cousin
83.5 cM	unknown
80.3cM	unknown
65.6 Cm	unknown
62.6 Cm	3rd cousin
57.4 Cm	unknown

This exercise has shown that I have work to do. However, I plan to continue expanding my tree by researching descendants versus trying to figure out how I'm related to all of

these matches whose tree is either too small for me to recognize a connection or missing entirely.

# Marriage Notice Hints

Monday, May 03, 2021

Have you followed any of Ancestry's hints from the Marriage Index in Newspapers.com? If so, do you read the entire marriage announcement, or do you stop reading when the description of the dress starts?

I have to admit that I sometimes stop reading when the dress description begins. Sometimes, I will scan the rest of the announcement looking for siblings in the wedding party. However, I was pleasantly surprised when I scanned the wedding announcement for Mabel Aileen Harvey and Roland Everett Hammond. This particular announcement included visiting out of town guests – along with where they were from! (Note: my transcription skips the part about the dress!)

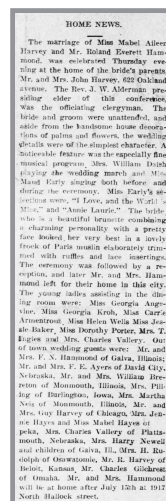
## Home News

The marriage of Miss Mabel Aileen Harvey and Mr. Roland Everette Hammond, was celebrated Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey, 622 Oakland avenue. The Rev. J. W. Alderman presiding elder of this conference was the officiating clergy man. The bride and groom were unattended, and aside from the handsome house decorations of palms and flowers, the wedding details were of the simplest character. A noticeable feature was the especially fine musical program. Mrs. William Depp singing the wedding march, and Mrs. Maud Eddy singing both before and during the ceremony. Miss Zary's solo was, "I Love, and the World is Mine," and "Annie Laurie." The bride, who is a beautiful brunette combining a charming personality with a pretty face, looked her very best in a lovely frock of Paris moulin elaborately trimmed with ruffles and lace insertings. The ceremony was followed by a reception, and later Mr. and Mrs. Hammond left for their home in this city.

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Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Hammond of Galva, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ayers of David City, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. William Brereton of Monmouth, Illinois, Mrs. Pilling of Burlington, Iowa, Mrs. Martha Neis of Monmouth, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Harvey of Chicago, Mrs. Jennie Hayes and Miss Mabel Hayes of [to]peka, Mrs. Charles Vallery of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Mrs. Harry Newell and children of Galva, Ill., Mrs. H. Rudolph of Osawatomie, Mr. R. Harvey of Beloit, Kansas, Mr. Charles Gilchrest of Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond will be at home after July 15th at 1917 North Hallock street.

"Home News," Kansas City Daily Gazette (Kansas City, Kansas), 20 June 1901, page 3; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 31 March 2021).



I was able to identify the following guests:

- Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Hammond — Roland's parents
- Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ayers – Roland's half-sister and her husband
- Mrs. Pilling – Roland's half sister
- Mrs. Harry Newell – Roland's sister

For me, this was a great reminder to read the entire item,

# Hint Bonanza

Tuesday, May 04, 2021

Do you have tons of those leafy hints on Ancestry? Are you one of those that just ignores all of those hints, searching the catalog, databases and records on your own? Or do you try and work thru those hints?

My Ancestry tree is one of those with tons of hints, over 77000 record hints. There's no way I will ever work my way thru all of those hints. However, I do use those hints to research the descendants of my ancestors.

While researching Roland Hammond, a grandson of Horatio Hammond, I came across a record assigning his wife as administrator of his estate in Wyandotte County, Kansas.. Unfortunately, that database did not have the actual will. When I checked FamilySearch to see if I could find the will on FamilySearch, the records are locked.

Roland Hammond lived and died in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas. Thanks to a hint on Ancestry, I found a copy of his will in Henry County, Illinois.

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Will of Roland E. Hammond Deceased

Last Will and testament

I, Roland E. Hammond of Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas, being of sound mind and memory do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me.

(1) I give, bequeath and devise to my children, Roland H. Hammond, John E Hammond and Frances A Hammond, the sum of ten (\$10.00) dollars each,

(2) Should other children be born to me hereafter, I give to said children the sum of ten (\$10.00) Dollars each.

(3) I own real estate known as the F. N. Hammond homestead located at Galva, Illinois, known a 807 West Division street and described as follows:

All of the East Two thirds of Lot number Three (3), in the subdivision of the south half of the southwest quarter of section twenty eight, in Township Fourteen (14) North, Range four (4) East of the fourth principal meridian; situated in the City of Galva, in the County of Henry and State of Illinois, except the following described part of said Lot Three (3), viz: Beginning at the southeast corner of said Lot Three (3), thence running est on the South line of said Lot 3, one hundred thirty five feet, thence North on a line parallel with the East line of said Lot 3, Ninety five feet, thence East on a line parallel with the South line of said Lot 3, one hundred thirty five feet to the East Line of Said Lot 3, thence south on the East line of said Lot 3, ninety five feet tot he place of beginning.

And I hereby give and devise the said described real estate, on-half to my wife, Aileen H. Hammond, one-fourth (1/4) to my mother, Caroline Matilda Hammond, and one-fourth (1/4) to my sister Mary Edna Hammond Newell. I desire that said real estate be sold as soon as may be practicable, however it is my desire that my mother may occupy said real estate for a reasonable time and until she comes into possession of other property which was owned by my deceased aunt, Hattie E. Ogg at the time of the death of Hattie E. Ogg.

(4) Hattie E. Ogg died recently and she left a will which has not yet been admitted to probate but which will probably soon be admitted to probate. By the terms of such will all

of the distributive estate of Hattie E. Ogg has been given, bequeathed and devised to me, with the request that with such estate, I make some provisions for my mother, Caroline Hammond and my sister, Mary Edna Hammond Newell.

(5) I anticipate that all of the estate of Hattie E. Ogg under said will is possessed and owned by me and I hereby make disposition of such estate and hereby bequeath and devise to my mother, Caroline Matilda Hammond from the estate I receive from my deceased aunt, an undivided one-sixth (1/6) thereof absolutely and I further give bequeath and devise to my mother, the possession and use of an undivided one-sixth (1/6) of such estate, during her lifetime but not to her heirs or assigns thereafter. I give, bequeath and devise to my sister, Mary Edna Newell, an undivided one-third (1/3) of such estate as I receive from my deceased aunt, Hattie E. Ogg, absolutely, I give devise and bequeath to my wife, Aileen H. Hammond, an undivided one-third (1/3) of

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Will of Roland E. Hammond Deceased

all of the estate I receive from the estate of my deceased aunt, Hattie E. Ogg absolutely. I further bequeath and devise to my wife and her heirs; assigns the remainder of the undivided one-sixth (1/6) part of the estate I receive from my deceased aunt, Hattie E. Ogg, the life use and possession of which I have herein before given to my mother

(6) If at the time of my death I own any interest in the business of Shepherd & Hammond, Kansas City, Kansas or any other business, it is my desire that such interest be sold as soon as practical and the

Roland E. Hammond

PROCEEDS BE INVESTED TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE

(7) I make no further provisions in this my will for my children, I have full confidence that my wife will properly care for my children.

(8) All of the rest, balance and residue of my estate, both personal and mixed and wheresoever situated, I give, bequeath and devise absolutely to my beloved wife, Aileen H. Hammond to have and to hold unto her and her heirs and assigns forever.

(9) I hereby name my wife, Aileen H. Hammond as Executrix of this my last will and testament and request that she be not required to give any bond as such Executrix.

(10) If it becomes necessary to have an administration of my estate in the State of Illinois, I request that Judge A E. Bergland of Galva Illinois be appointed as Administrator with this will annexed. If no administration in Illinois is necessary, I request that the beneficiaries under this my will, look to Mr. Bergland for such assistance and advice as may be necessary in the settlement of my estate in Illinois.

(11) This my last will and testament is written on two pages type-written upon both of which I have subscribed my name this 19 day of December, 1919.

Roland E. Hammond

Signed, published and declared by the said Roland E. Hammond to be his last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned subscribing witnesses who in his presence and at this request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names thereto on this 19 day of December, 1919

Rose Buddy

Francis E Howe

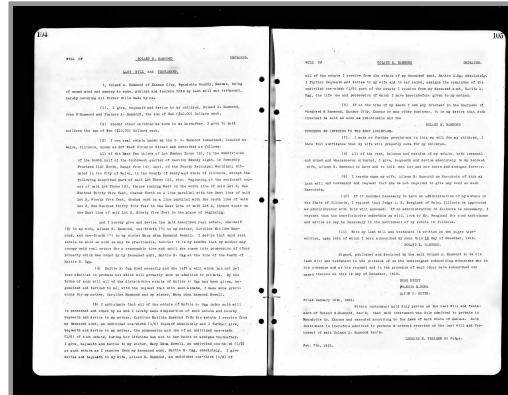
David J. Smith

Filed January 10th, 1921

Within instrument held duly proven as the last Will and Testament of Roland E. Hammond, dec'd; that said instrument was duly admitted to probate in Wyandotte Co. Kansas and executed according to the laws of said State of Kansas. Said instrument is therefore admitted to probate and ordered recorded as the last will and Testament of said

Roland e. Hammond dec'd.  
Leonard E. Telleen CO Judge  
Feb 7th 1921

Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772-1999, Roland E Hammond, 19 December 1919;  
database with images, Ancestry.com ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)) : viewed online 1 April 2021).



Hoping that his aunt, Hattie Ogg, died in Illinois, I checked Ancestry's database, Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772-1999 in hopes of also locating her will, which I found.

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## Will of Harriet Eliza Ogg Deceased

### Last Will and Testament

I, Harriet Eliza Ogg, of Galva, Henry County, Illinois, being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in the manner following, that is to say:

First: I hereby direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be first fully paid by my executor

Second: After the payment of said funeral expenses and debts, I give devise and bequeath absolutely to my nephew, Roland E. Hammond, now residing at Kansas City, Kansas, all of my property, be the same real, personal or mixed, of whatsoever character and wheresoever situated, to have and to hold the same absolutely.

Third: I make no provisions in this my will, for the children or descendants of my deceased brother, Christian Kugler Ogg, for the reason that the said Christian Kugler Ogg in his lifetime received more than his just portion of my father's and mother's estate.

Fourth: In bequeathing and devising all of my property to the said Rolland E. Hammond as aforesaid, I expressly request the said Rolland E. Hammond to see to it that my sister, Matilda Caroline Hammond and my niece, Mary Edna Hammond Newell shall not want for the ordinary comforts of life, and I request that the said Rolland E. Hammond shall, during the remainder of the respective lives of the said Matilda Caroline Hammond and Mary Edna Hammond Newell, provide for them and each of them such comforts as in his discretion they may require and should enjoy.

Fifth: I also hereby request the said Rolland E. Hammond to erect at my grave a suitable tombstone and to make proper provision for the care of the cemetery lot wherein my body shall be interred.

Sixth: I hereby nominate and appoint Earl L. Yocum to be the executor of this my Will.

I hereby revoke any and all my former Wills by me made

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Twenty third



day of February A.D. 1917.  
Harriet Eliza Ogg (seal)

The foregoing instrument, consisting of two typewritten pages, was on the day of this date thereof signed, sealed, published and declared by the mid testatrix, Harriet Eliza Ogg, as and for her last Will and Testament in our presence, who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other, signed our names thereto as witnesses this Twenty third day of February A.D. 1917, and we hereby certify that we believe that the said testatrix was of sound mind and memory at the time she executed the said instrument.

Harold A. Smith, Galva, Henry County, Illinois  
Albert E. Bergland, Galva, Henry County, Illinois  
\_\_\_ Galva, Henry County, Illinois

Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772-1999, Harriet Eliza Ogg, 23 February 1917; database with images, Ancestry.com ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)) : viewed online 1 April 2021).

Since I don't dig deeply when researching the descendants of collateral lines, I likely would not have found Roland Hammond's will without Ancestry's hinting system. Thank you Ancestry for providing this tool to help with our research!

# Horatio Hammond

Wednesday, May 05, 2021

Descendants

## 1. Horatio Hammond

b: 24 Oct 1798, Connecticut, United States

d: 7 Nov 1879, Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States

### + Louisa Fisk

b: 5 Aug 1806, Watertown, Jefferson, New York, United States

m: 14 Apr 1825, Medina, Medina, Ohio, United States

d: 17 Aug 1874, Ontario, Knox, Illinois, United States

## ..... 11. Amelia Emily Hammond

b: 23 Sep 1826

d: 3 Oct 1886, Douglas, Oregon, United States

### ..... + Stacy Shinn

m: 8 Nov 1846

d: 1850, Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States

### ..... + Samuel B. Hadley

b: 10 Apr 1821, Oxford, Brownfield, Maine

m: Apr 1851

d: 20 Apr 1891, Lake, Oregon, United States

## ..... 111. Albert Hadley

b: 20 Dec 1852, Oregon, United States

d: Nov 1882, Lake, Oregon, United States

## ..... 112. Margaret Hadley

b: 8 Mar 1854, Oregon, United States

d: 2 Oct 1902

## ..... 113. Samuel Gibson Hadley

b: 3 Dec 1856, Oregon, United States

d: 23 May 1954, Lake, Oregon, United States

## ..... 114. Melville Hadley

b: 22 Apr 1858, Oregon, United States

d: 8 Mar 1940, Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United States

## ..... 115. Melvina Hadley

b: 22 Apr 1858, Oregon, United States

d: 18 Aug 1941, Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United States

## ..... 116. Kate E Hadley

b: 7 Jul 1862, Yreka, Siskiyou, California, United States

d: 2 Sep 1940, Lake, Oregon, United States

## ..... 117. John Hadley

b: abt 1864, California, United States

d: 3 Nov 1876, Paisley, Lake, Oregon, United States

## ..... 118. Henry Marshal Hadley

b: 15 Jun 1866, Oregon, United States

d: 16 Mar 1946, Yakima, Yakima, Washington, United States

## ..... 12. Juliett Hammond

b: 24 Oct 1827

d: 24 Jul 1907, Denver, Denver, Colorado, United States

. . . . . + **William M. Simms**  
 b: Jan 1830, Sangamon, Illinois, United States  
 m: 27 Nov 1856, Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States  
 . . . . . 121. **Emma Amelia Simms**  
 b: abt 1858, Illinois, United States  
 d: 11 Jul 1944, Riverside, California, United States  
 . . . . . 122. **Julia E. Simms**  
 b: abt 1859, Illinois, United States  
 . . . . . 123. **Etta Simms**  
 b: Apr 1863, Illinois, United States  
 d: 1953  
 . . . . . 124. **William Simms**  
 b: 21 Apr 1867, Springfield, Illinois  
 d: 7 Feb 1944, Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee, United States  
  
 . . . . . 13. **George M. Hammond**  
 b: 2 Apr 1829, Bath, Summit, Ohio, United States  
 d: 1911, Des Moines, Polk, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . + **Annice Baldwin**  
 b: 1829  
 m: 21 Apr 1850  
 d: 29 Mar 1921, Douglas, Minnesota, United States  
 . . . . . 131. **Llewellyn B. Hammond**  
 b: 11 Feb 1852, Illinois, United States  
 d: 25 Apr 1933  
 . . . . . 132. **John Perry Hammond**  
 b: 30 Dec 1867  
 d: 22 Nov 1869  
  
 . . . . . 14. **Francis N. Hammond**  
 b: 22 Dec 1830, Bath Township, Summit, Ohio, United States  
 d: 10 Jan 1912, Galva, Henry, Illinois, United States  
 . . . . . + **Elizabeth Anne Morey**  
 b: 13 Sep 1835  
 m: 24 Jul 1856, Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States  
 d: 16 Apr 1868  
 . . . . . 141. **Charles N. Hammond**  
 b: 26 Jun 1857, Oneida, Knox, Illinois, United States  
 d: 24 Oct 1908  
 . . . . . 142. **Sarah L. Hammond**  
 b: 18 Jan 1861, Illinois, United States  
 d: 20 Jul 1952, Omaha, Douglas, Nebraska, United States  
 . . . . . 143. **Annie N. Hammond**  
 b: 9 Apr 1864  
 d: 31 May 1928, Des Moines, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . + **Caroline Matilda Ogg**  
 b: 1 Aug 1839, Clermont, Ohio, United States  
 m: 9 Nov 1869  
 d: 17 Mar 1925, Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, United States  
 . . . . . 144. **Mary Edna Hammond**  
 b: 2 Nov 1870  
 d: 23 Oct 1955, Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, United States

..... 145. **Roland Everett Hammond**  
b: 6 Feb 1877  
d: 24 Dec 1919, Kansas, United States

..... 15. **Jehiel P. Hammond**  
b: 21 Mar 1832  
d: 28 Apr 1907, Inkster Township, Grand Forks, North Dakota, United States  
..... + **Sarah M. Skiff**  
b: 21 Jan 1843, Connecticut, United States  
m: 23 Jun 1858  
d: 5 Jun 1918, Peoria, Peoria, Illinois, United States

..... 151. **Ada Wilmot Hammond**  
b: abt 1859, Illinois, United States

..... 152. **Carrie L. Hammond**  
b: Jun 1863, Illinois, United States  
d: 12 Jun 1925, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, United States  
..... + **Mary J. Hadley**  
b: 27 Apr 1848, Pennsylvania, United States  
m: 21 Jul 1870, Knox, Illinois, United States  
d: 23 Jul 1934

..... 153. **Lois Hammond**  
b: 22 Dec 1871, Illinois, United States  
d: 15 Feb 1944, Tulare, California, United States

..... 154. **Archie Hammond**  
b: 1875, Illinois, United States  
d: 1953

..... 155. **John Whitten Hammond**  
b: 1 Oct 1883, Galesburg, Illinois, United States  
d: 19 Dec 1956

..... 16. **Lucius J. Hammond**  
b: 4 Sep 1833, Bath, Summit, Ohio, United States  
d: 12 Apr 1898, Reading, Lyon, Kansas, United States  
..... + **Serena A. Hayden**  
b: 2 Mar 1840, Indiana, United States  
m: 29 Dec 1864  
d: 27 Aug 1922, Kansas City, Wyandotte, Kansas, United States

..... 161. **Wellyn Elsworth Hammond**  
b: 13 Nov 1865  
d: 11 Nov 1945, Seattle, King, Washington, United States

..... 162. **Harry Judson Hammond**  
b: 4 Apr 1875  
d: 9 May 1959

..... 17. **John M. Hammond**  
b: 21 Apr 1835  
d: 22 Jul 1851

..... 18. **Cornelius Rosewell Hammond**  
b: 17 Oct 1836, Bath, Summit, Ohio, United States  
d: 15 Dec 1910, Josephine, Oregon, United States  
..... + **Sarah T. Houston**

b: 19 Nov 1844, Kentucky, United States  
 m: 23 Jun 1862  
 d: 21 Dec 1932, Eastside, Coos, Oregon, United States  
 ..... 181. **Alva Melton Hammond**  
 b: 3 May 1863  
 d: 20 May 1940, Josephine, Oregon, United States  
 ..... 182. **Jeanette Hammond**  
 b: 16 Sep 1865  
 ..... 183. **Lorin Almon Hammond**  
 b: 7 May 1868, Galesburg, Knox, Illinois, United States  
 d: 16 May 1949, Oregon, United States  
 ..... 184. **Flora Bell Hammond**  
 b: 14 Sep 1875, Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa, United States  
 d: 4 Mar 1940, North Bend, Coos, Oregon, United States  
 ..... 185. **Lettie J. Hammond**  
 b: 21 Feb 1873, Iowa, United States  
 d: 5 Aug 1941, Roseburg, Douglas, Oregon, United States  
 ..... 186. **Warren Jephthie Hammond**  
 b: 15 Jul 1876, Des Moines, Polk, Iowa, United States  
 d: 20 Aug 1942, Independence, Polk, Oregon, United States  
 ..... 187. **Nellie M. Hammond**  
 b: 4 Mar 1879, Iowa, United States  
 d: 3 Oct 1958, Washington, Oregon, United States  
  
 ..... 19. **Louisa Hammond**  
 b: 31 Jul 1838  
 d: 2 Mar 1847  
  
 ..... 1A. **Richmond Fisk Hammond**  
 b: 20 Nov 1840, Licking, Ohio, United States  
 d: 8 Apr 1928, Sawtelle, Los Angeles, California, United States  
 ..... + **Sarah Ellen Ralston**  
 b: 11 May 1849, Armstrong, Pennsylvania, United States  
 m: 1 Jan 1867, Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States  
 d: 18 Oct 1892, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 1A1. **William R. R. Hammond**  
 b: 1 Jan 1864  
 ..... 1A2. **Homer L. Hammond**  
 b: 25 Jul 1865  
 ..... 1A3. **Judson F. E. Hammond**  
 b: 15 Apr 1866  
 ..... 1A4. **Estella Mabel Hammond**  
 b: 6 Feb 1868, Illinois, United States  
 d: 20 Dec 1949, Sapulpa, Creek, Oklahoma, United States  
 ..... 1A5. **Forest Clinton Hammond**  
 b: 28 Nov 1868, Illinois, United States  
 d: 28 Oct 1905, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 1A6. **Nellie Elida Hammond**  
 b: 23 Nov 1871, Illinois, United States  
 d: 11 Aug 1956, San Diego, San Diego, California, United States  
 ..... 1A7. **Josie Winifred Hammond**  
 b: 9 Feb 1874, Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States

d: 27 Sep 1954, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 . . . . . 1A8. **Glenn M Hammond**  
 b: 4 Sep 1877  
 d: 11 Feb 1878  
 . . . . . 1A9. **Clyde Nelson Hammond**  
 b: 11 Jun 1879, Union, Hardin, Iowa, United States  
 d: 4 Dec 1960, Fort Dodge, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 . . . . + **Mary McClure**  
 b: 9 Oct 1857  
 m: 7 Nov 1897, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 d: 14 Mar 1901, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 . . . . . 1AA. **Hattie Louisa Hammond**  
 b: Mar 1899, Kansas, United States  
 d: 26 Sep 1994, Riverside, Riverside, California, United States  
 . . . . + **Mary A. Reynolds**  
 m: 29 Oct 1906, Kinsley, Edwards, Kansas, United States  
 . . . . 1B. **Mary E Hammond**  
 b: 19 Jan 1843  
 d: 20 Feb 1862

# Ricketts Photos

Thursday, May 06, 2021

James Marshall Ricketts and his wife lived in Woodson County, Kansas. These are the only pictures I have for this family.



Ricketts Homestead: James Marshall Ricketts and Rachel Ricketts



Rachel Ricketts - Artie Ricketts Briles - Ethel Briles - Glen Briles - Edward Osmund Briles - James Marshall Ricketts

Ricketts Family – Spring 1920 in KS



James Marshall Ricketts in background; Harry ?, Clemuel W, who?, Ella Cooper and Daisy Ricketts

Ricketts Family – Spring 1920 in KS



Ricketts 4 generations  
 Rachel Ricketts  
 Artie Ricketts Briles  
 Back: Ethel Briles holding  
 Juanita Smith



Walter Briles and his aunt  
 Belle Ricketts



# James Marshall Ricketts

Friday, May 07, 2021

**James Marshall Ricketts** 1– 2 was born on 28 Nov 1847 in Clinton, Indiana, United States. 3– 14

James Ricketts was listed as a three year old male in the household of John Rickets on the 1850 census in Sugar Creek Township, Clinton County, Indiana. 15

He was listed as a 12 year old male born Indiana in the household of John Ricketts in Sugar Creek Township, Clinton, Indiana, United States in Jul 1860. 16

He enlisted in the military on 11 Sep 1863 in Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana, United States. 17

James served in Company K 7th Indiana Cavalry between 18 Sep 1863 and 19 Sep 1865. 4, 6, 17– 18

He was discharged from the military on 19 Sep 1865 in Hempstead, Waller, Texas, United States. 17

He received pension for service in K 7 Indiana Cavalry on 20 Apr 1870 . 19

James M. Ricketts was listed as the head of household on the 1870 census. According to the census, James was 29 and born in Indiana. Also living in the household were Reachel, Artlissa and Jennie. 20

James purchased land being the N 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 6 Township 24 S Range 16 E for \$825 from L W. Blumberg and his wife Martha on 18 Oct 1879 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 21

James M. Ricketts was listed as the head of the household on the 1880 census. According to the census, James was 32 and born in Indiana. James' occupation was farming. Also listed in the household was his wife, Rachel A.; daughters Frances A., Hulda A., Anna B., Dais T and sons Manford and Esond. Ebenezer Christy was also living with the family. 22

He lived in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States on 4 Jul 1883. 17

He purchased land being SE 1/4 SEction 35 Township 23 Range 15 from J. M. Baldwin on 1 Nov 1883 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 23

James M Ricketts was listed as the head of household on the 1885 Kansas census. According to the census, James was 38 years old. Also listed in the household were R.E., Artlissa, Hulda May, Ana Bell, Daisy P, Manfor and Desmond. A. Christy was also living in the household. 9

James lived in Byron, Woodson, Kansas, USA in 1889. 24

He sold mortgage on the Se 1/4 Section 10 Township 24 Range 17 and the N 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 8 Township 25 Range 17 for \$1000 to Thomas Hoffern on 7 May 1892 in

Woodson, Kansas, United States. 25

J. M. Ricketts was listed as the head of household on the 1895 Kansas census. According to the census, J. M. was 48 years old and born in Indiana. 12

James Ricketts was listed as the head of household on the 1900 census. According to the census, James was born Nov 1848 in Indiana. James and his wife, Rachel had been married 35 years. Also living in the household was his wife, Rachel, and a son, Manford. 26

He owned the SE 1/4 Section 35 R15E T23S in 1904 in Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 27

James was listed as a 58 year old male born in Indiana on the 1905 Kansas census living in Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States on 1 Mar 1905. 11

He spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Briles on 25 Aug 1907 in Coffey, Kansas, United States. 28

He lived in Vernon, Woodson, Kansas, United States on 30 Nov 1909. 17

James M Ricketts was listed as the head of the household on the 1910 census. According to the census, James was 62 years old and born in Indiana. Also living in the household was his wife, Rachel. 29

J.M. Ricketts was listed as the head of the household on the 1915 Kansas state census in Woodson County. According to the census, J.M. was a 67 year old farmer born in Indiana. 13

James M Ricketts was listed as the head of household on the 1920 census. According to the census, James was 72 years old and born in Indiana. Also living in the household was his wife, Rachel E. Ricketts. 30

James died on 28 Nov 1920 at the age of 73 in Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 3– 4, 6, 8, 14, 31– 34

He was buried on 29 Nov 1920 in Liberty (Dutro), Woodson County, Kansas. 8, 14, 35

He had his estate probated on 8 Jan 1921 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 36

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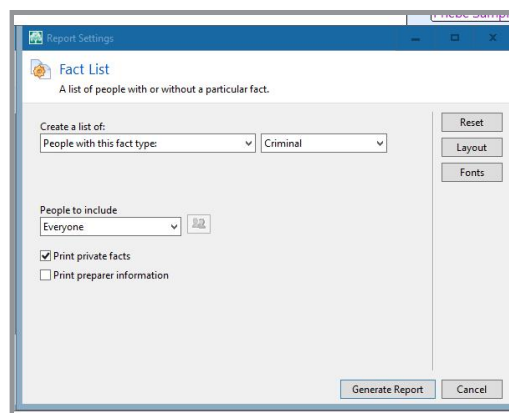
# Criminal

Saturday, May 08, 2021

#52Ancestors

This week's #52Ancestors writing prompt is 'Crime and Punishment'. When I think about looking for criminal acts in my tree, my first thoughts go to murderers, gun slingers or bank robbers. Since I don't know of any ties to those types of criminals, I immediately thought of my ancestor who was accused of a 'white collar' crime, embezzlement.

Curious as to whether his profile was the only one where the 'Criminal' tag was used, I decided to print a "Fact List" report for the 'Criminal' tag.



That report pulled up two people: James H. Crawford and Hiram Mirick Currey.

Criminal List			19 April 2021
Name	Date	Description/Place	
Crawford, James H.	abt 7 Jun 1883	Ford, Ford, Kansas, United States; had a span of horses stolen from his place south of the river	
Currey, Hiram Mirick	abt 1820	Ohio, United States; when the case (suit of attachment against Osborn & Harper) came to trial the opposing counsel agreed that an order should be issued to the State treasurer (Hiram M. Currey) that the total tax, plus interest on the specie, should be returned to the Bank. This the treasurer refused to do without a warrant. ... He was thereupon placed under nominal arrest by a Federal marshal and all his property, including his keys, was attached.	
	7 Dec 1820	Ohio, United States; accused of owing the State of Ohio \$11,111 under a resolution proposed by Mr. Wilson and agreed to by the Ohio House of Representatives	

James H. Crawford was the victim of a crime. However, Hiram Mirick Currey was accused of what amounted to embezzlement.

At the time of this accusation, Hiram Mirick Currey was serving as the treasurer of Ohio. The state of Ohio was in a battle with the federal government over states' rights – over the right of the state to keep national banks out of the state.

In 1819, Ohio passed a law implementing a tax on the National Bank. In September, 1819, Ralph Osborn, the state auditor authorized the seizure of \$100,000 from the Chillicothe branch of the United States.

According to the article, Osborn vs Bank of the United States, \$120,000 was seized from the Chillicothe branch. These funds were were distributed as follows:

- \$20,000 returned to the National Bank since it was above the amount required to pay the tax
- \$2,000 was used to pay the men who 'seized' the tax
- \$98,000 turned over to the Ohio State Treasurer

According to an article in the 26 November 1819 issue of The Ohio Repository (Canton, Ohio) a detailed list of the funds deposited in the Franklin Bank of Columbus.

- \$78,150 in notes of the Bank of the United States payable at their office of discount and deposit in Chillicothe
- \$2,090 in notes of the bank of the United States payable at their office in Philadelphia
- \$3,830 in gold coin
- \$16,000 in silver current coin of the U.S.

These funds totaled \$100,070.

We give the following very extraordinary proceeding to the publick without comment.

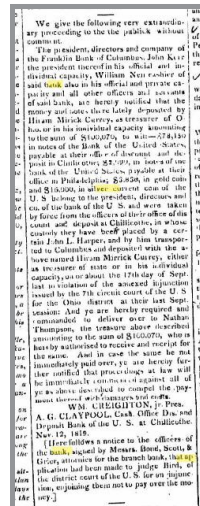
The president, directors and company of the Franklin Bank of Columbus, John Kerr the president thereof in his official and individual capacity, William Nen cashier of said bank also in his official and private capacity and all other officers and servants of said bank, are hereby notified that the money and notes there lately deposited by Hiram Mirick Currey, as treasurer of Ohio, or in his individual capacity amounting to the sum of \$100,070, to wit: 00 \$78,150 in notes of the Bank of the United States payable at their office of discount and deposit in Chillicothe; \$2090, in notes of the bank of the United States, payable at their office in Philadelphia; \$3,830, in gold coin and \$16,000 in silver current coin of the U.S. Belong to the president, directors and co. of the bank of the U.S. and were taken by force from the officers or their office of discount and deposit at Chillicothe in whose custody they have been placed by a certain John L. Harper, and by him transported to Columbus and deposited with the above named Hiram Mirrick Currey, either as treasurer of state or in his individual capacity, on or about the 17th day of Sept. last in violation of the annexed injunction issued by the 7th circuit court of the U.S. for the Ohio district at their last Sept. session: And ye are hereby required and commanded to deliver over to Nathan Thompson, the treasure above described amounting to the sum of \$100,070, who is hereby authorized to receive and receipt the same. And in case the same be not immediately paid over, ye are hereby further notified that proceedings at law will be immediately commenced against all of the as above described to compel the payment thereof with damages and costs.

WM. CREIGHTON, jr. Pres.

A.G. Claypool, Cash, Office Dis. and Deposit Bank of the U.S. at Chillicothe.  
Nov. 12, 1819

The Ohio Repository (Canton, Ohio) 26 November 1819. Available on Ancestry.com





In December, 1820, Hiram Currey was accused of owing the State of Ohio \$11,111.

Whereas, it appears, by the report of the auditor of state, made to the present general assembly, that Hiram M. Curry, the late treasurer, stands indebted to the state in the sum of \$11,111.

The Ohio Repository (Canton, Ohio). 28 Dec 1820. Available on Ancestry.com

In 1822, the Ohio legislature passed a resolution where Hiram Currey would turn over land to pay off the debt.

Mr. Parish moved a resolution, to authorize the present treasurer to receive from Hiram M. Currey, and his trustee, a conveyance for the real estate of said Currey. Also, to release the securities to the second bond given by said Currey, as treasurer, from the liability, upon payment of the costs of suits now pending against them. Also, to direct the suites against said Currey, and the securities to the first bond giver by said Currey as treasurer of state to be prosecuted to final judgment, &c. Which resolution was laid on table for consideration.

*Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio: being the First Session of the Twentieth General Assembly* (Columbus, Ohio: Office of the Columbus Gazette, 1821), p. 284 viewed online December 2017.

This fight between the state of Ohio and the National Bank resulted in a court case titled, *Osborn vs Bank of the United States*, that went all the way to the Supreme Court.

Trying to track down Hiram Mirick Currey and the details of this case has been a challenge for quite some time. There are still records to be found, but below is what I have compiled to date.

## Hiram Mirick Currey

Myrack Curry was listed with 1 white male in the household in Tyrone Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania in 1783. 2

He was listed on the tax rolls as Mira Hiram Curry in 1786 in Fayette, Pennsylvania,



United States. 3– 4

In 1790, Hiram was a preacher in the Elkhorn Conference of the Baptist Church in Mays Lick, Mason, Kentucky, United States. 5

Miriach Curry was listed on the 1790 Fayette County, Pennsylvania census with 1 free white male and 4 free white females in the household. 6– 7

He resided between 1792 and 1794 in Mays Lick, Mason, Kentucky, United States and was a Baptist preacher and teacher at the first school in Mays Lick. 8

He was listed on tax rolls as Hiram Curry with 1 horse and 7 cattle in 1792 in Mason, Kentucky, United States. 9– 10

In 1792 Hiram was an admitted as candidate for ministry in Mays Lick, Mason, Kentucky, United States. 5

He was listed on the tax rolls owning 200 acres on Stone Lick watercourse of Bull Creek of John Craig's survey in 1793 in Mason, Kentucky, United States. 11

He was witness to to the will of Benjamin Thraikill on 27 Mar 1793 in Mason, Kentucky, United States. 12

Hiram was messenger, along with Cornelius Drake, to Elkhorn Baptist Association meeting representing Mays Lick church reporting 9 received by letter, 1 dismissed, 58 members in South Elkhorn, Fayette, Kentucky, United States. 13

In 1794, he was a teacher in Mays Lick, Mason, Kentucky, United States. 14

He was listed on tax rolls as Hiramirick Curry with 2 white males over 21, with 1 horse and 7 cattle and also listed as Hiram Cury with 100 acres of 2nd rate land on the Johnson watercourse in 1795 in Mason, Kentucky, United States. 15– 17

Hiram was listed on tax rolls as M. Hiram Currey with 100 acres 2nd rate land on the Locust watercourse, 1 male over 21, 2 horses and 4 cattle in 1796 in Mason, Kentucky, United States. 18– 19

He was listed on the tax rolls as Hiram Mirem Currey with 200 acres of 2nd rate land on Ball Creek Watercourse with 1 male over 21 and 2 horses in 1797 in Mason, Kentucky, United States. 20– 21

He was messenger to Elkhorn Baptist Association meeting along with J. Singleton for Stone Lick Church reporting 42 baptised, 9 received by letter, 3 dismissed and 76 members in Clear Creek, Kentucky. 13, 22

Hiram was listed on tax rolls between 1799 and 1801 in Mason, Kentucky, United States. 23

He was listed on the tax rolls as Hiram M Curry with 200 acres on Stone Lick Bull Creek with 1 male over 21, 1 male over 16 and 1 horse in 1799 in Mason, Kentucky, United States. 24

He was listed on the tax rolls as Hiram M Curry with 150 acres 3rd rate land on the Stone Lick Watercourse and 1 male over 21 in 1800 in Mason, Kentucky, United States. 25– 28

Hiram sold land being 50 acres of land on Stone Lick Creek that was part of the survey granted to John Craig by patent to James Luston on 30 Dec 1800 in Mason, Kentucky, United States. 29– 30

He baptized Elder John Gutridge in the Ohio River three miles above Maysville in 1801 in Mason, Kentucky, United States. 31

He was listed on the tax rolls as Hiram M Curry with 100 acres of 3rd rate land on the Bull Creek Watercourse with 1 male over 21 on 13 May 1801 in Mason, Kentucky, United States. 32

Hiram was mentioned in minutes of meeting of Bracken Association of Baptists held on 19 Sep 1801 in Kentucky, United States. 33

He performed marriage of Aquilla Denham and Harriet Thompson on 26 Jun 1804 in Adams, Ohio, United States. 34

He performed marriage of Phebe Cary and Alexander Reed on 4 Jun 1805 in Franklin, Ohio, United States. 35

Hiram was listed on tax rolls in 1806 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 36– 37

He was on the list of voters in 1806 in Salem Township, Champaign, Ohio, United States. 38

He performed marriage of Thomas Morris to Margaret Dawson on 29 Jun 1806 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 39

Hiram was listed on tax roles as Mirach H. Curry in 1807 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 36, 40– 41

He preached at the courthouse on 8 Jan 1807 in Ohio, United States. 42

He preached a sermon after the Masonic oration after 22 Jun 1807 in Ohio, United States. 43

Hiram held the office of state senator between 1808 and 1811 representing in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 44

He performed marriage of John Ross to Margaret Price in 1808 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 39

He performed marriage of George Hunter and Ruth Fitch in 1808 in Urbana Township, Champaign, Ohio, United States. 35, 39

Hiram was appointed W. M. on a warrant empowering the lodge to hold meetings in Urbana and Springfield alternately in 1809 in Urbana, Champaign, Ohio, United States. 45

He was appointed trustee of Miami University on 9 Feb 1809 in Ohio, United States. 46–47

On 17 Feb 1809, he was a member board of trustees of Miami University in Ohio, United States. 48

Hiram officiated at marriage of Mr. George Hunter and Miss Ruth Fitch on 20 Apr 1809 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 49

He performed marriage of Wm H. Fyffe to Maxamilla Petty on 27 Sep 1809 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 39

He performed marriage of John Thompson to Polly Frankerberger on 20 Nov 1809 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 50

Hiram was a member of the Ohio State Senate from the county of Champaigne. 51

He was listed on the tax rolls as Hivans Curry in 1810 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 52– 53

His election to the Ohio Senate was contested by Alexander McBeth during a hearing in front of the Senate. 54

Hiram represented Champaign county on the board of trustees for Miami County, Ohio on 12 Jan 1811 . 55

He was a member of the general assembly for the state of Ohio. 56

He was listed on the poll books on 8 Oct 1811 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 57

Between 1812 and 1814 in Urbana Township, Champaign, Ohio, United States Hiram was member serving as Worthy Mason of Harmony Lodge No. 8 in Urbana, Ohio. 58

He erected block house on banks of stream in 1812 in Logan, Ohio, United States. 59

He was listed as trustee of Miami University on 14 Mar 1812 in Ohio, United States. 60–61

Hiram was on a ballet as a Republican elector of President and Vice President. 62

He held the office of member of Ohio House of Representatives between 1813 and 1814 representing Champaign, Ohio, United States. 55

He taught school in old tavern stand referred to as the old George Fithian and John Enoch stand on lot No. 63 about 1816 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 63

Hiram was listed on the tax rolls owning 170 acres in 1816 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 64– 65

He held the office of Representative from Champaign County, Ohio on 21 Nov 1816. 66

He was listed on the tax rolls in 1817 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 67– 68

Hiram was appointed state treasurer to replace W. M'Farland who resigned on 3 Jan 1817 in Ohio, United States. 69– 78

He welcomed President Monroe to the Capital [of Ohio] by a neat and appropriate speech in Aug 1817 in Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, United States. 79– 80

He, Treasurer of Ohio, along with Ralph Osborn, Auditor and Jeremiah McLene, Secretary, oversaw improvements in state prison about 1818 in Ohio, United States. 81– 83

Hiram was listed on the tax rolls owning 170 acres of land on Buck Creek in 1818 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 84– 85

He was listed on the tax rolls owning 170 acres in 2 parcels on Buck Creek in 1819 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 86– 87

On 17 Sep 1819, he deposited \$100,070 in the Franklin Bank of Columbus at Columbus Ohio. These funds were seized by John L. Harper from the Bank of the United States at Chillicothe. 88

About on 19 Nov 1819 notice was served on the Auditor and Treasurer of the State of Ohio regarding the seizure of funds from the U.S. Bank in Chillicothe 89– 92

Hiram was named as defendant in bill of injunction signed by C. W. Byrd, District Judge of the United States, in and for the District of Ohio on 22 Nov 1819 in West Union, Ohio. 92– 93

He was summoned to appear in case filed by The United States of America, District of Ohio on 23 Nov 1819 in Chillicothe, Ross, Ohio, United States. 92, 94

He submitted report to General Assembly of the State of Ohio from office of Treasurer, State of Ohio on 6 Dec 1819 in Ohio, United States. 95

Hiram along with Ralph Osborn, Auditor; and the President and Directors of the Franklin Bank of Columbus were served with a writ of injunction from the Bank of the United States for the recovery of their money on 7 Dec 1819 in Ohio, United States. 92, 96– 100

On 21 Dec 1819 he sent letter to Thoms Rotch, Esqr to declare receipt of \$5.25 toward tax on Adam Hoops land in Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, United States. 101

He held the office of treasurer of the State of Ohio on 24 Dec 1819 in Ohio, United States. 102– 103

About 1820 in Ohio, United States when the case (suit of attachment against Osborn & Harper) came to trial the opposing counsel agreed that an order should be issued to the State treasurer (Hiram M. Curry) that the total tax, plus interest on the specie, should be returned to the Bank. This the treasurer refused to do without a warrant. ... He was thereupon placed under nominal arrest by a Federal marshal and all his property, including his keys, was attached. 92, 104

Hiram was listed on the tax rolls as Hiram M Curry, a non-resident, who owned 100 acres

of 1st rate land on Buck Creek and 70 acres of 2nd rate land on Buck Creek in 1820 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 87, 105

He resigned as treasurer of State of Ohio on 15 Feb 1820 in Ohio, United States. 96, 106– 107

He was named in a bill concerning a memorial from H. M. Curry praying relief on 15 Feb 1820 . 107

Hiram was named in a bill read for th first time on 16 Feb 1820 . 107

He was named in a bill that was read for the second time on 17 Feb 1820 in Ohio, United States. 107– 108

He was was named in a bill that was discussed in the Ohio Senate's committee of the whole on 18 Feb 1820 . 107

Hiram was was named in a bill discussed by the Ohio Senate committee of the whole on 21 Feb 1820 in Ohio, United States. 107

He was on 25 Feb 1820 in Ohio, United States. 107

During a dispute with the Bank of the US an officer for the state of Ohio seized \$98,000 in gold, silver and notes. This was placed in charge of the State Treasurer, Mr. H. M. Curry. 92, 109

He was held the office of “late” Treasurer of state before 4 Dec 1820 in Ohio, United States. 110

Hiram was accused of owing the State of Ohio \$11,111 under a resolution proposed by Mr. Willson and agreed to by the Ohio House of Representatives on 7 Dec 1820. 96, 111

He was listed on the tax rolls as Hiram M Curry, a non-resident' owning 100 acres of 1st rate land on Bucks Creek and 70 acres of 2nd rate land on Bucks Creek in 1821 in Champaign, Ohio, United States. 87, 112

He was served with a writ of attachment commanding him to return into court a description of every note taken from the U.S. office of discount and deposit on 4 Jan 1821 in Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, United States. 96, 113– 114

Hiram was excused from jury duty on 24 Mar 1821 in Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, United States. 115– 116

He was named in a memorial praying the state would receive real estate from him for the amount due the state on 27 Dec 1821 in Ohio, United States. 117

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives, that a committee of members on the part of the senate, and five members on the part of the house of representatives, be appointed to take into consideration the memorial of Hiram M. Currey, and that they report thereon by bill or otherwise on 15 Jan 1822 in Ohio, United States. 118

The senate have agreed to the resolution for appointing a joint committee on the

memorial of Hiram M. Currey, with amendments and have appointed a committee of three members on their part on 17 Jan 1822 in Ohio, United States. 118

On 18 Jan 1822, The Ohio house took up the resolution for appointing a joint committee on the memorial of Hiram M. Currey, with the amendment made by the senate thereto. in Ohio, United States. 119

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives, that one member on the part of the senate, and two members on the part of the house of representatives, be added to the joint committee appointed to take into consideration the memorial of Hiram M. Currey on 22 Jan 1822, 120

On 23 Jan 1822, Mr. Parish from the joint committee to whom was referred the memorial of Hiram M. Currey, made the following report – The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Hiram M. Currey, report – That they have had the same under consideration, and after taking into view the value of the property offered, with reference to the amount of defalcation, a majority of this committee are of opinion that it is inexpedient to accede to the proposals of said memorialists. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution– Resolved that the prayer of the memorial of Hiram M. Currey, is unreasonable and ought not to be granted. And on motion to disagree to said resolution, the question was decided in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required by messrs. Atwater and Simons, were yeas 38, nays 26. 121

On 28 Jan 1822, Mr. Parish moved a resolution, to authorize the present treasurer to receive from Hiram M. Currey, and his trustee, a conveyance for the real estate of said Currey. Also, to release the securities to the second bond given by said Currey, as treasurer, from the liability, upon payment of the costs of suits now pending against them. Also, to direct the suites against said Currey, and the securities to the first bond giver by said Currey as treasurer of state to be prosecuted to final judgment, &c. Which resolution was laid on table for consideration. 122

He was named in a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to receive real estate from Hiram M. Curry in Feb 1822 in Ohio, United States. 123

In 1828 Hiram conducted services held by Universalist people in a schoolhouse in Sheffield Township, Tippecanoe, Indiana, United States. 124

He was listed as Hiram M. Curry with 1 male 70-80, 1 female under 5, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 15-20 and 1 female 30-40 in Village of Fairfield, Tippecanoe County, Indiana in 1830. 125– 127

In 1830, he was appointed executor of the estate of Lemuel Lane in Franklin, Ohio, United States. 128

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# Mom

Sunday, May 09, 2021

#SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):

1) Sunday is Mother's Day in the USA, and usually a time for memories and gratitude to our special birth person.

2) For this week's SNGF, tell us some things about your mother that are special and memorable to you.



This post is a hard one, particularly since I've never thought about this before. However, looking back I can describe some special memories.

One of those special memories is of mom playing the piano. She didn't play often, likely because she didn't have time to sit down at the piano. Mom had the ability to play the melody with the right hand and just play chords with her left hand. Thus, she could pick up a piece of music and play it beautifully. Christmastime usually included some evening where mom would sit down and play various hymns and carols.

Christmas brings another special 'mom' memory. For many years, mom would spend evenings in December making candy. I remember her making fudge, divinity, nougat, peanut brittle, pralines, stuffed dates and caramel pecan roll. This candy was then packaged as gifts. Some would be sent to the homes of her siblings while other packages were shared with neighbors and likely co-workers.

Another special memory is how mom and dad opened their home to my cousin. My cousin's father was working in Nigeria. While the family had been living in Nigeria, my cousin had reached the age where she had to either go to a boarding school or return to the United States to attend school. My cousin lived with us for a couple of years. My parents weathered the storms of two teenage girls used to being the only girl now thrown into having to share their 'space'. Even after my cousin's family was reunited when her parents moved back to Kansas, mom and dad stayed close to her, celebrating her life achievements.

Besides helping me learn to cook, mom was insistent that I acquire two other skills:



Typing and sewing. Even though I had taken typing as a 9th grader, mom felt like I needed to improve my skills. Thus, I took a typing class during the summer while in high school. Like the typing issue, mom wanted me to improve my sewing skills. Thus, we took an evening class in tailoring together. Although I don't sew my own clothes any more, I still use those typing skills — every day!

So how about you? What are some of your 'mom' memories?

# My Germanna Connection

Monday, May 10, 2021

Do you have a surname that has changed over time in your family tree? I'm sure that I have several, but the one that sometimes confuses people is my Briles line. It is this line that connects me to the Second Germanna Colony in Virginia. My ancestor Conrad Briles (Broil, Broils) was the son of John Broyles (Johann Breuel). The booklet, *Before Germana: The Ancestry of the Broyles, Paulitz Moyer and Motz Families* outlines the various surname spellings.

The Broyles surname is spelled differently in American and German records. It is most consistently spelled Breyhel and Breuel in German parish registers. Its variations in American records include Broil, Boil, Briles and Bryol, to list a few.

*Before Germana: The Ancestry of the Broyles ... Families*

The immigrant, John Broyles, had six children: Hans Jacob, Mattheus, Conrad, Jerg Martin, Maria Elisabetha and Catherine. It is Conrad's line that takes on the BRILES spelling of the surname after Conrad moves to Randolph County, North Carolina. The entry for Conrad in the Keith Transcript discusses this spelling transition.

3. Conrad Broyles (son of John Broyles, 1) was born in Germany and brought to this country in 1717. He was still under age in 1727. He died in Randolph Co., North Carolina, in the latter part of 1784. In the Virginia records his name is spelled Broil or Broyl. In his will his name is once given as Broil but is signed as Briles. His children are also called Brile. In later years his descendants have generally used the spelling Briles.

Keith, Arthur Leslie. *The Broyles Family*. Volume I, page 13.

So starting with my grandfather, Edward Osmund Briles, my lineage back to the Germanna colonies is as follows:

(1) Edward Osmond Briles (1891-1956) married Pauline Edith Mentzer in 1915.

(2) Edward Grant Briles (1869-1951) married Frances Artlissa Ricketts in 1890.

(4) Noah Washington Briles (1840-1879) married Sarah Jane Thompson in 1866.

(8) Alexander Briles (1817-1900) married Sarah Rush in 1836. Alexander left North Carolina about 1858 to settle in what would become Coffey County, Kansas.

(16) John Briles (1775-1855) married Nancy Ann Beckerdite

(32) Frederick Briles (abt 1744-1815). According to the FamilySearch tree, his wife was Mary Goodrich, but I haven't verified this information.

(64) Conrad Broyles (Broil, Brile) (1709-1784). According to the FamilySearch tree, Conrad married Margaret Rausch in 1730 in Madison County, Virginia. I do not have a source for this marriage at this time.

(128) John Broyles (Johannes Breuel) (1670 – abt 1734) married Ursula Ruop in 1703 in

Wuerttemberg, Germany. John, Ursula and their children were part of the second colony of Germanna.

Even though the spelling of the surname changed, there appears to be a pattern to the change. My research suggests that the BRILES surname traces back to Randolph County, North Carolina, while the BROYLES surname is found in Tennessee and traces back to Virginia. Both lines descend from our immigrant ancestor, John Broyles (Johannes Breuel).

Additional information about my BRILES ancestors can be found on my Ancestry tree, starting with Edward Osmund Briles. The top menu of this blog also has a page with links to my other 'online trees'.

# Ricketts Military Service

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

The following documents are from the pension record for James Marshall Ricketts of Indiana and Kansas.

Executive Department of Indiana  
Adjutant General's Office  
June 3, [1981]  
Indianapolis

This certifies, that the official records of which I am the lawful custodian on file in this office show that James M. Ricketts joined for duty and was enrolled as a Private of Company I, 119th 7 Cavalry Regiment Indiana Volunteers at Indianapolis, Indiana on the 18th day of August 1863, by Lt. Sahm and that he was duly mustered into the Military Service of the United States at Indianapolis, Indiana on the 11th day of September 1863, for the term of three (3) years by Captain Miller Mustering Officer

Age: 18

Mustered out at Hempstead, Texas on September 19, 1865

This Certificate is given as official evidence of enlistment, service, and mustered out of James M. Ricketts of

Company K 119th 7 Cavalry Regiment Indiana Volunteers

Witness my hand and official seal

Alfred F. Ahner

Adjutant General, Indiana

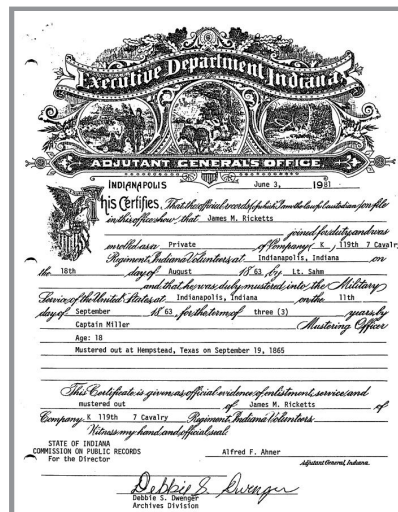
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Commission on Public Records

For the Director

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Archives Division



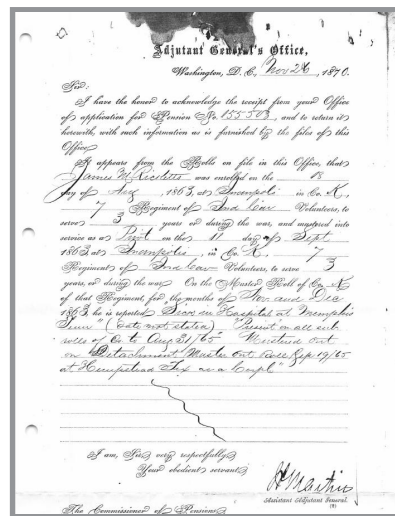
Adjutant General's Office

Washington, D. C. Nov 26, 1870

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 155503, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that James M. Ricketts was enrolled on the 18 day of Aug 1863 at Indianapolis in Co. K 7 Regiment of Ind Cav Volunteers to serve 3 years or during the war, and mustered into service as a Privt on the 11 day of Sept 1863 at Indianapolis, in Co K 7 Regiment of Ind Cav Volunteers to serve 3 years or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. K of that Regiment for the months of Nov. and Dec. 1863 he is reported Sick in Hospital at Memphis Tenn (date not stated) Present on all sub rolls of Co to Aug 31/65 Mustered out on detachment Muster out roll Sep 19/65 at Hempstead Tex as a Corpl



#### Certificate of Service

To all Whom it May Concern:

This is to Certify, that James m. Ricketts who was enrolled on the 18 a of August one thousand eight hundred & sixty-three to serve three years was Discharged on the 19 day of September 1865 with detachment at Hempstead, Texas, while holding the grade of Corporal in Co K 7 Regiment of Indiana Cavalry Volunteers

This Certificate is given upon evidence that the original discharge has been lost or destroyed

and in all cases upon the condition imposed by the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1873,

that it shall not be accepted as a voucher for the payment of any claim against the United

States

for pay, bounty or other allowance, or as evidence in any other case."

Given at the War Department, Washington, D.C. this 21 day of  
February A.D. 1893

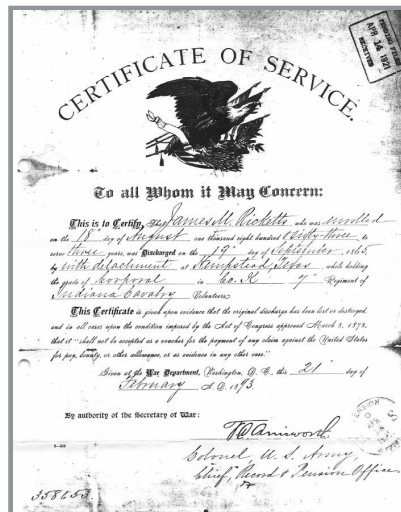
By authority of the Secretary of War

T C Ainsworth

Colonel, U.S. Army

Chief, Record & Pension Office

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# Ricketts Marriage

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Have you tried to obtain the military pension record for any of your ancestors? If so, did you discover a marriage license buried in those documents?

That is the case for many of my civil war ancestors' pension files, including that of James Marshall Ricketts.

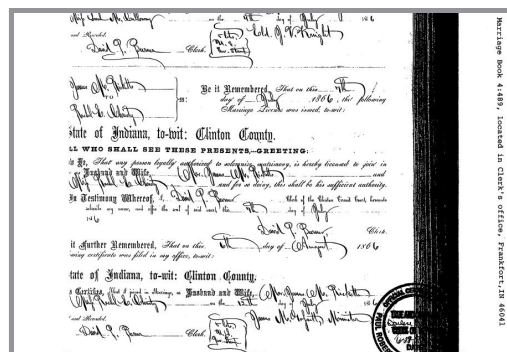
Marriage License – Clinton County, IN  
Found in Book 4:489

James M. Ricketts  
to  
Rachel E Christy  
Be it Remembered that in this 7th

day of July 1866, the following

marriage license was issued, to wit:

State of Indiana, to-wit: Clinton County  
All Who Shall see These Presents, — Greeting:  
[?] Ye, That any person legally authorized to solemnize matrimony, is hereby licensed to join in  
[?] as Husband an Wife Mr. James M. Ricketts and  
Miss Rachel E. Christy and for so doing, this shall be his sufficient authority.  
In Testimony Whereof, I Daniel P. Barnes, Clerk of the Clinton Circuit Court, hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the seal of said court, this 7th day of July  
1866  
Daniel P. Barnes, Clerk  
[Be] it Further Remembered, that on this 6th day of August 1866  
[follo]wing certificate was filed in my office, to-wit:  
[S]tate of Indiana, to-wit: Clinton County  
[This] certifies that I joined in Marriage, as husband and wife, Mr. James M. Ricketts  
Miss Rachel E. Christy on the 12th day of July 1866  
James M. Go[sett], Minister  
[?] and recorded  
David P. Barnes, Clerk



# 40th Parallel

Thursday, May 13, 2021

We often see the words “In the beginning” when reading a book, fairy tale or the Bible. However, have you ever thought of a place as a beginning? When we think of place in our genealogy research, there is always someplace ‘before’. It may be one of our brick walls and we don’t know where it is, but we do know there is a ‘before’.

Thus, to say that my husband and I took a road trip to the “Place of Beginning” seems really strange. Most of the land found in the states of Kansas and Nebraska was part of the Louisiana Purchase. However, it was the 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act that set this area on the road to statehood. This act also established the 40th parallel as the boundary line between Kansas and Nebraska.

The passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act prompted surveying to define the beginning points for establishing the ranges, townships and sections. Since we had recently visited the Point of Beginning – or the 6th Prime Meridian marker to our West, we decided to visit the monument marking the 40th parallel on the Missouri River Bluffs. This marker was established in 1855 to mark the Kansas Nebraska border.







#### Additional Information

- Kansas Nebraska Border
- Kansas Surveying History
- Site No. Rh00-062
- 40th Parallel Marker — Doniphan County List of Attractions for Big Kansas Road Trip

# 1915 Pension

Friday, May 14, 2021

Not only are marriage records one of the treasures found in military pension files, but so are names and birthdates of the children. Below is a transcription of a 1915 affidavit submitted by James M Ricketts as part of his pension applications.

Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Pensions

Sir: Please answer, at your earliest convenience the questions enumerated below. This information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamps.

Very Respectfully  
G M Sltz[aberg]

James M Ricketts  
Vernon Kansas  
361910 Act May

No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. Clinton CO. Ind  
The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. Co K 7 Indiana Calvry

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. Burlin Clinton Co. Ind

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. Rachel Elmeda Christy  
– Ricketts

No. 4. When, where and by whom were you married? Answer July the 12th 1866 Dr.  
Gosset

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? \_\_\_ If so, where? Answer.  
The official record, should be at Frankfort Ind

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer. No.

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and if so, given name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer. Never married before

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer. Living together yet

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer  
Francis Artliissa Born 1868 Apr 7th  
Hulda May Born Apr 24th 1870

(Signature) James M. Ricketts

[illegible]

# Mothers in My Tree

Saturday, May 15, 2021

#52Ancestors #MothersDay

(Maiden names are being used)

## (3) **My Mom**

- Four children
- 1 died infancy

## (5) **Winnie Letha Currey**

- Three children
- 1 died in infancy
- 1 died as a young adult prior to marriage

## (7) **Pauline Mentzer**

- Five children
- 1 died around 9 months

## (9) **Josie Winifred Hammond**

- Seven children
- 3 boys and 4 girls

## (11) **Winnie Mae Hutchinson**

- Nine children
- one baby only lived a month
- a second baby lived about 5 months
- son, Henry Currey, died at age 13
- Winnie died in 1913, leaving Herbert 18, Myrtle 14, Mary 12, Winnie 10, Earnest 7, and Alma 1 1/2
- Total of 5 boys, 4 girls with 2 boys and 4 girls in 1913 when their mother died

## (13) **Frances Artlissa "Artie" Ricketts**

- Four children
- 2 boys and 2 girls

## (15) **Nettie Adell Wells**

- Five children
- 3 boys and 2 girls

## (17) **Mary Foster**

- Five children
- 2 boys and 3 girls

## (19) **Sarah Ellen Ralston**

- Hammond Genealogy say 9 children
- No documentation of first three children: William R. R. Hammond b 1864 and Homer L. Hammond b 1865 and Judson F. E. Hammond b 1866 found at this time
- First three children have birth dates prior to her marriage

- A fourth child, Glenn M. Hammond, is listed in the Hammond Genealogy. This child only lived one year. No other documentation found to date
- Five documented children
- 2 boys and 3 girls

(21) **Angelina Jane Burke**

- Ten children
- 6 boys and 4 girls

(23) **Julia Harding**

- Eleven Children
- Death dates currently unknown on 4 of the children: Frederick b1867, Cary b1869, Francesca b1879 and Elvira b 1884
- 7 boys and 4 girls with 4 boys and 3 girls reaching adulthood

(25) **Sarah Jane Thompson**

- Two children
- 1 boy and 1 girl

(27) **Rachel Elmeda Christy**

- Eight children
- Set of twins did not survive. One died when almost one month old and the other died when a little over 3 months old.
- 2 boys and 6 girls with 2 boys and 4 girls surviving to adulthood

(29) **Emeline Minnick**

- Eight children
- 6 boys and 2 girls

(31) **Salome Adell Crandall**

- Four children
- A boy, Freddie, lived about 7 years
- A girl, Mary, lived about 9 months
- Two girls survived to adulthood and married brothers

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

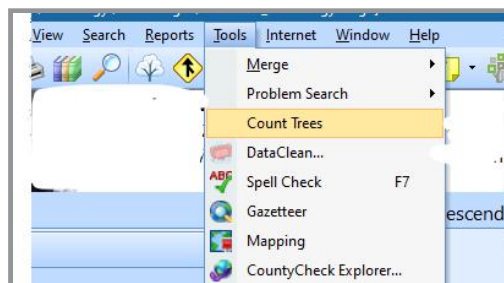
Sunday, May 16, 2021

Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):

- 1) Almost all of us have genealogy software that we use to manage our research and our family tree. Some researchers use only an online family tree. What do you use?
- 2) For this week's SNGF, tell us how many "trees" (or "bushes") you have in your genealogy management program database. How did you figure it out? Also, where do you have online trees?

My first genealogy software program was PAF (Personal Ancestral File). I migrated from PAF to The Master Genealogist (TMG) because of TMG's ability to document sources. When TMG was no longer supported, I experimented with several programs before choosing RootsMagic.

I am currently using RootsMagic 7. In RM7, I can count how many trees I have in my file by pulling down the TOOLS menu and selecting COUNT TREES.



Before revealing how many trees I have in my file, I need to issue a disclaimer. I tend to research FAN (friends, associates and neighbors) clubs. I have also tended to research people of the same name that might be the same person. I treat my RM7 file as a database — a place to store information. Thus, I am sure that I have lots of trees in my file.

Start Person	Count
1 James Crawford-1	148
2 Randall Lorne Crawford-10201	90
3 William Walter Crawford-14707	74
4 Col. James Curry-5189	69
5 Alexander Crawford-188	67
6 Moses Curry Sr.-595	53
7 Mary Curry-983	44
8 Evan A. Crawford-4052	39
9 Coland John Crawford Jr.-14670	39
10 Raymond McIntosh Crawford-10717	38
11 James Curry-2051	37
12 Perry H. Wells-960	37
13 Samuel Crawford-10807	37
14 James Crawford-4051	37
15 Rachel-10076	35
16 May Crawford-13403	34
17 Jason R Curry-1667	33
18 Absalom Adams-12053	33
19 James Crawford-10889	33
20 George O. Crawford-137	28
21 Michael Minnich-6517	27
22 William Curry-3553	25
23 Jacob Black-1062	24
24 Capt. David Crawford-9-10190	24
25 Robert Crawford-1-11273	23
26 Providence Moore-553	23
27 Chancellor Waddy Thompson-52672	22
28 Oliver Crawford-10220	22
29 James Crawford-10919	21
30 Grant Mitchell-13085	21
31 James Curry-6329	21
32 William S. Naffor-5048	20
33 William Smith-17128	19
34 Andrew Crawford-13358	18
35 William Valentine Crawford-9958	18
36 Thomas Curry-1402	17
37 Robert Curry-5210	17
38 Joseph Ham-10213	16
39 John Crawford-1018	16
40 Robert Crawford-4074	16

Start Person	Count
41 John Egan-10035	15
42 James Crawford-10921	15
43 James Curry-1381	14
44 _____ Crawford-138	14
45 George Lee Curry-5141	14
46 John Crawford-15607	13
47 George W Smith-1715	13
48 Sam Thompson-12087	12
49 Andrew Crawford-15453	11
50 Albert William Fisk-14627	11
51 John Curry-2520	11
52 Milton Bowman-4072	11
53 Ann Tichenor-4022	11
54 Thurston Wells-10835	11
55 Sarah Minnich-4002	11
56 Daniel G Thompson-12576	11
57 David Crawford-13336	11
58 Bennett Thompson-12064	10
59 John Curry-6319	10
60 Samuel Crawford-6042	10
61 Nancy Crawford-15347	10
62 Isaac Curry-6435	10
63 Thomas Crawford-10929	9
64 Edward N. Bates-2114	9
65 David Thompson-12712	9
66 W. A. Crawford-5945	9
67 James Crawford-10917	9
68 Andrew Crawford-10913	8
69 Leonard Johnson Wells-5671	8
70 Carolyn Jean Biggs-6031	8
71 John Curry-5296	8
72 William Foster-6335	7
73 George Harwood Crawford-10923	7
74 Thomas Crawford-4033	7
75 Emaline Backedde-7113	7
76 Matthew Curry-4312	7
77 Susan Seagrain-13114	7
78 Daniel Thompson-12066	7
79 John Carey-5785	7
80 _____ Curry-635	7

So, how many 'trees' do I have in my database? Let's just say I have a lot! Could some of them connect to other trees in my database? That is highly likely. At some point, I probably need to do some investigating to see if I can merge individuals and thus merge one tree into another.

For example, I have data on several different James Crawford families from early Kentucky. I also have data on some of the descendants of Alexander and Mary (McPheeters) Crawford. In both cases, the data is in my file so that I can separate out the various Crawford families. The same is true for other lines. For example, I have information on the family of Col. James Curry of Ohio because I think he might connect to my ancestor, Hiram Currey.

I used RootsMagic's TreeShare feature to upload my file to Ancestry. When I did the initial upload, I excluded living people, but uploaded everyone else. Thus, all of those different trees were uploaded to Ancestry and are considered 'floating' trees.

I also have my data on MyHeritage, FamilyTree DNA and GedMatch. For those trees, I created a gedcom file and uploaded that file. My tree on MyHeritage contains the Crawford/McPheeters data while my tree on FamilyTreeDNA does not. My tree on FamilyTreeDNA only contains my ancestors. However, my GedCom file on GedMatch contains my ancestors and the descendants I had at the time I uploaded the file.

Currently, RootsMagic offers the ability to have a free website containing my RootsMagic data. Thus, I have my file (excluding living) online using this resource.

Another location where I share data from my tree(s), is FamilySearch. I utilize RootsMagic's ability to connect to individuals on the FamilySearch tree. I am slowly working on adding sourcing and pictures that are in my collection to the FamilySearch tree. In 2017, I submitted my data to FamilySearch Genealogies. The file is named Heartland\_Genealogy\_2017 and was submitted under the name Marcia Philbrick.

Another place that I have information about my ancestors is this blog site. I often create posts that transcribe documents in my collection. Other posts are created using RootsMagic's ability to produce a narrative report complete with citations. Although not an actual tree, my blog contains lots of information about the people in my RootsMagic

file – including people that don't connect to my ancestral tree.

Even though I have data online, the most current copy of my work is my RootsMagic file.

I realize that there are other sites where I could have a tree. However, I am concentrating on Ancestry, FamilySearch and sites where I have DNA data.



# Ricketts Will

Monday, May 17, 2021

James M. Ricketts died November 28, 1920 in Woodson County, Kansas. His will was probated in Woodson County.

Petition for Probate of Will

In the Probate Court within and for the County of Woodson and State of Kansas

In the matter of the Estate of James M. Ricketts, Deceased

Petition for Probate of will

Comes now Rachel E. Ricketts and respectfully represents to said Probate Court that James M. Ricketts, late of the County of Woodson, State of Kansas, departed this life on the 28th day of November, A.D. 1920 leaving a last will and testament, which said last will and testament is hereto attached, marked "Exhibit A," and made a part hereof. The said Last Will and testament has been executed in all respects according to law. And your petitioner further says that the said J. M. Ricketts left surviving him as his heirs at law, Rachel E. Ricketts, his widow, Artlissa Briles, May Kokley, Anna Belle Howell, Pearl Isreal, his daughters, Manford Ricketts, Charles H. Ricketts his sons and Hazel Ricketts his grand daughter,

And your petitioner further says that at the time of the execution of said Last Will and Testament, said

James M. Ricketts was of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint.

That in said Last Will and Testament the said James M. Ricketts appointed as Executrix of the same Rachel E. Ricketts of Woodson County, and requested that she be not required to give bond.

In consideration whereof, and to the end that said Will may be proved, established, performed and admitted to Probate, your petitioner prays that the Court set a time for the hearing of said petition, causing the witness thereto to attend, and that upon such hearing said Last Will and Testament may be duly admitted to Probate, and letters testamentary be issued to Rachel E. Ricketts as Executrix of said Last Will and Testament of James M. Ricketts, deceased.

Rachel E. Ricketts

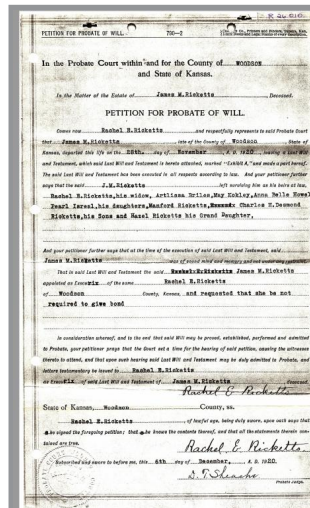
State of Kansas, Woodson County, ss.

Rachel E. Ricketts, of lawful age, being duly sworn, upon oath says that she signed the foregoing petition; that she knows the contents thereof, and that all the statements therein contained are true.

Rachel E. Ricketts

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 6th day of December, A.D. 1920

D. H. Scheachs



## Exhibit A:

### Will of James M. Ricketts

Be it known, that I, J. M. Ricketts, of Woodson County, in the State of Kansas, being now of sound an disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament.

Item One. I will and direct that all my just debts and the expenses of my funeral and burial be paid out of my personal estate.

Item Two. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Rachel E. Ricketts, all my property, real, personal and mixed, of which I may die seized, to have and to hold the same during the natural life of her, the said Rachel E. Ricketts, and upon her death to be divided and disposed of as hereinafter provided.

Item Three: I give and devise to my beloved son, Charles H. Desmond Ricketts, all the following described real estate situated in the County of Woodson and State of Kansas, to wit: The South half of the South-east quarter of the South-east quarter o Section Thirty-five (35) in Township Twenty-three (23), Range Fifteen (15), East of the 6th P.M. To have and to hold the same, subject however to the life estate of the said Rachel E. Ricketts herein above devised, forever.

Item Four. I give and devise to my beloved granddaughter, Hazel Ricketts, all the following described real estate situated in the County of Woodson and State of Kansas, to wit: The South half of the the South-west quarter of the South-east quarter of Section Thirty-five (35), in Township Twenty-three (23), Range Fifteen (15) East of the 6th P.M. To have and to hold the same, subject however to the life estate of the said Rachel E. Ricketts herein above devised, forever.

Item Five. I give and devise to my beloved daughters, Artlisie Briles, May Kokley, Annie Bell Howell and Perley Israel, and to my beloved son Manford Ricketts, all the following described real estate situated in the County of Woodson and State of Kansas, to wit: TH e North half of the South-east quarter and the North half of the South half of the South-east quarter of Section thirty-five (35), in Township Twenty three (23), Range Fifteen

(150, East of the 6th P.M. to be equally divided among the, the said Artlisie Briles, May Kokley, Annie Bell Howell, Perley Israel and Manford Ricketts, share and share alike in value. IN case any of my said children named in this item five shall die before the termination of the life estate hereby created in and by item two of this will leaving no issue of her or his body her or him surviving, then I will and direct that the real estate in this item five described shall upon the termination of said life estate be divided equally among th survivors of my said children including my said son Charles H. Desmond Ricketts, and their children surviving them; but the child or children of any deceased child shall take only the share its or their parent would have taken if then living.  
TO have and to hold the same, subject however to the life estate of the said Rachel E. Ricketts herein above devised, forever.

Item Six; In case the life estate to my said wife shall terminate before my said granddaughter, Hazel Ricketts, shall arrive at the age of majority , or in the event that I should survive my said wife and shall die before the said Hazel shall arrive at the age of majority, I hereby designate, constitute and appoint my said son, Charles H. Desmond Ricketts, guardian and trustee of the said estate herein and hereby devised to said Hazel Ricketts, to receive, care for and rent for the use and benefit of the said Hazel Ricketts until she shall arrive at the age of majority. I further will and direct that said guardian and trustee shall not be required to give any bond as such guardian and trustee.

Item Seven. I give and bequeath to my said children and to the living issue of any prior deceased child, if any, all the rest and residue of my personal estate which shall remain at the death of my said wife and after the payment of the funeral and burial and expenses of her, the said Rachel E. Ricketts, to be divided share and share alike, but the child or children of any deceased child, if any, shall take only the share which such deceased child would have taken if then living.

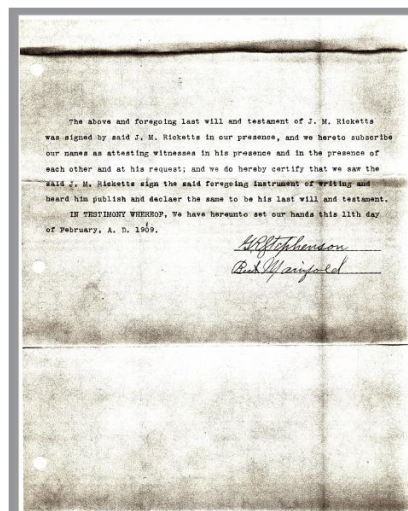
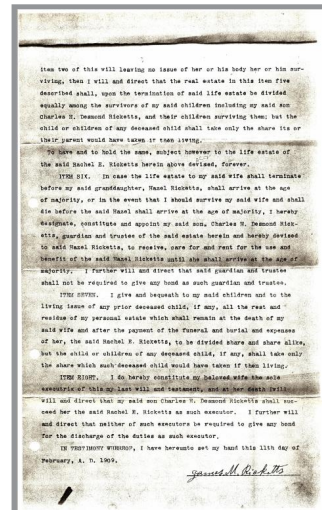
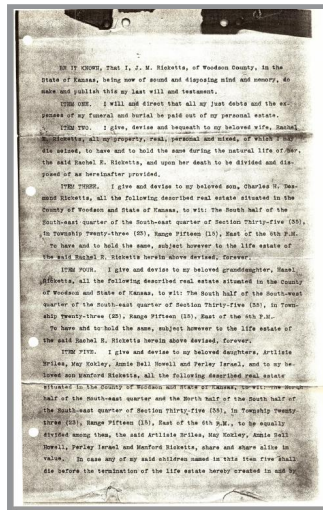
Item Eight. I do hereby constitute my beloved wife the sole executrix of this my last will and testament, and at her death I will will and direct that my said son Charles H. Desmond Ricketts shall succeed her the said Rachel E. Ricketts as such executor. I further will and direct that neither of such executors be required to give any bond for the discharge of the duties as such executor.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of February, A.D. 1909.

James M. Ricketts

The above and foregoing last will and testament of J. M. Ricketts was signed by said J. M. Ricketts in our presence, and we hereto subscribe our names as attesting witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request; and we do hereby certify that we say the said J. M. Ricketts sign the said foregoing instrument of writing and heard him publish and declaer the same to be his last will and testament.  
In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 11th day of February, A.DE. 1909

G R Stephenson  
Bert Manifold



Be It Known, that I, J. M. Ricketts, of Woodson county, in the state of Kansas, being now of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this codicil to my last will and testament, which last will and testament bears date the 11th day of February A.D. 1909.

Item One: I give and devise to my beloved son, Manford Ricketts, all the following described real estates, situated in the county of Woodson, state of Kansas, to wit: Twenty-four (24) acres off the East side of the North-east quarter of the South-east quarter of Section Thirty-five (35), in Township Twenty-Three (230, Range Fifteen (15), East of the 6th P.M. To have and to hold the same, subject however to the life estate of Rachel E. Ricketts as in said last will and testament provided, forever.

Item Two. I give and devise to my beloved daughters, Artlisie Briles, May Kokley, Anna Bell Howell and Perley Israel, all the rest and residue of said South-west quarter of Section thirty-five (35) in Township Twenty-three (23) Range Fifteen (15), in Woodson County, state of Kansas, not herein and in Item Three of said last will and testament otherwise specifically devised, to be equally divided among them. The said Artlisie Briles May Kokley, Anna Bell Howell and Perley Israel, share and share alike in value. In case any of my said children named in items one and two of this codicil shall die before the termination of the life estate created in and by item two of said last will and testament

leaving no issue of her or his body her or him surviving, then I will, direct that the real estate in this Item two of this codicil described shall, upon the termination of said life estate be divided equally among the survivors of my said children including my sons Charles H. Desmond Ricketts and Manford Ricketts, and their children surviving them; but the child or children of any deceased child shall take only the share its or their parent would have taken if then living. To have and to hold the same, subject however to the life estate of said Rachel E. Ricketts as in said last will and testament provided, forever.

Item Three. I do hereby revoke "Item Five" of my said last will and testament; but each and all the other provisions of said last will and testament shall be and remain in full force and effect

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of April, AD> 1913.

James M. Ricketts

The above and foregoing instrument of writing was signed by J. M. Ricketts in our presence, and we hereto subscribe our names as attesting witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other and and at his request; and w do hereby certify that we say the said j. M. Ricketts sign the said foregoing instrument of writing and heard him publish and declare the same to be his first and only codicil to his last will and testament of date of teh 11th day of February, 1909.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 16th day of April, A.D. 1913.

G R Stephenson  
[S] Stephenson





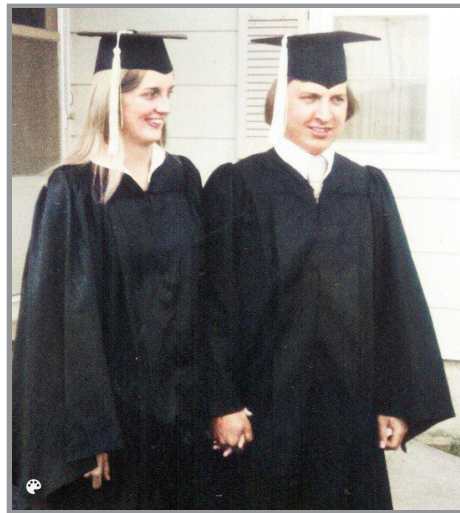
# Partners

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

47 Years

We met in college – likely on 2nd floor of ‘science hall’. That’s where we both worked as lab assistants. Science hall was where we were in Quantitative Chemical Analysis and Modern Physics together.

We graduated from Kansas State Teachers College with majors in physical science education.



And then, we vowed to walk alongside each other.



And walked into the world to spend the next 47 years in the small town of Seneca, Kansas.

It was at Nemaha Valley High School where we taught alongside each other. When I migrated away from the classroom, in 1985, our partnership changed. Instead of sharing classroom experiences, my partner became the 'hardware' tech that I could rely on to replace parts in broken printers or replace hard drives and motherboards in computers. I'm not sure the district ever realized all of the help I got from my partner during my years as technology coordinator.

As partners we ventured into this world of retirement in 2016 and still share many of the same interests, including researching our respective family histories. So to the person, who has backed me up all these years, I want to say

*Thank You*

# Land Distribution

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Do you ever get lost in the 'half of quarter of quarter' language in a deed or will? I know that I did when reading and transcribing the will of James Marshall Ricketts.

The land in question was purchased by James M. Ricketts in 1883.

Book Q Page 143  
Deed Record

This Indenture, made this 1st day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, between J. M. Baldwin and Hannah A Baldwin his wife of Liberty in the county of Woodson and state of Kansas of the first part and J. M. Ricketts of Everett in the County of Woodson and State of Kansas of the second part:

Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of two thousand dollars to them duly paid have sold, and by these presents do grant and convey to the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land situated in Woodson County, and State of Kansas, and described as follows to-wit:

The SE 1/4 of Section 35 Township 23 South of Range 15 East 160 acres more or less

With the appurtenances, and all the estate, title and interest of the said parties of the first part therein. And the said first part do hereby covenant and agree, that at the delivery hereof they are the lawful owners of the premises above granted, and seized of a good and indefeasible estate of inheritance therein, free and clear of all incumbrances and that they will Warrant and defend the same in the quiet and peaceable possession of said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims of all persons.

In Witness whereof, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year above written.

James M. Baldwin  
Hannah A Baldwin

State of Kansas, Woodson County, ss.

On this 1st day of November A.D. 1883, before me a Probate Judge in and for said County, came J. M. Baldwin and Hannah Baldwin his wife to me personally known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument, and duly acknowledged the execution of the same.

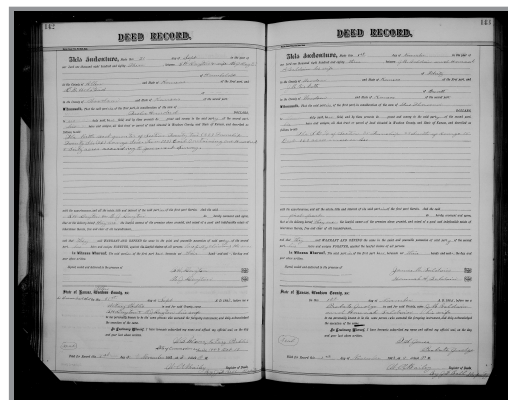
In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, on the day and year last above written.

{I} S Jones  
Probate Judged

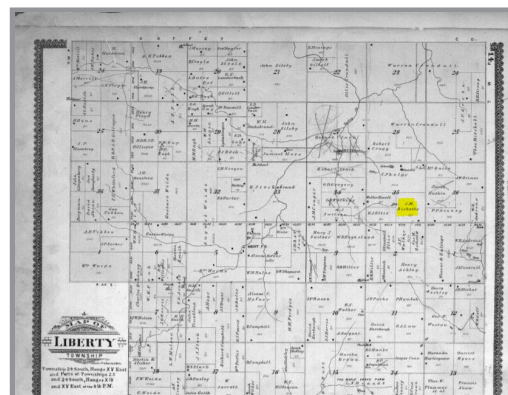
Filed for Record this 1st day of November 1883, at 4 o'clock P.M.  
W. N. Bailey, Register of Deeds



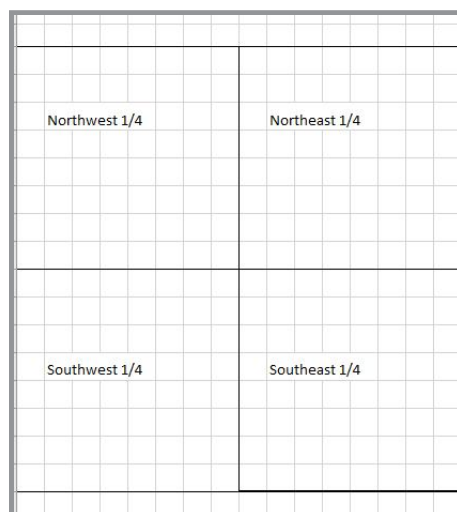
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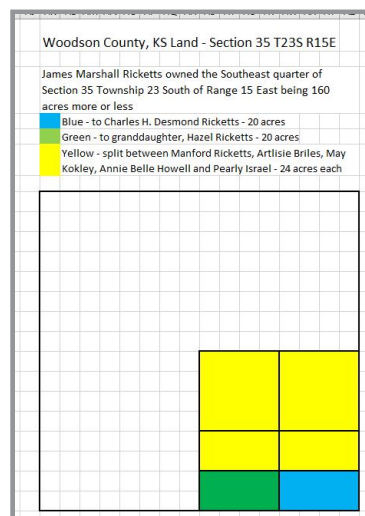
A 1904 plat map of Woodson County, Kansas shows where the land was located in Liberty Township.



To figure out how the land was divided in the will, I used Excel to draw a square 16 cells by 16 cells to represent the section. I then divided that square in fourths to identify the Southeast 1/4.



I then divided the SE 1/4 into fourths. From there, I divided the bottom two (Southern) squares into half. I now had the boundaries for the land described in the will. This allowed me to color in each of the items from the will.



Drawing out the land helped me understand how the land was passed down to the children.

# James Marshall Ricketts

Thursday, May 20, 2021

**James Marshall Ricketts** 1– 2 was born on 28 Nov 1847 in Clinton, Indiana, United States. 3– 16

James Ricketts was listed as a three year old male in the household of John Ricketts on the 1850 census in Sugar Creek Township, Clinton County, Indiana. 17

He was listed as a 12 year old male born Indiana in the household of John Ricketts in Sugar Creek Township, Clinton, Indiana, United States in Jul 1860. 18

He enlisted as a private in Co. K 7 Regiment of the Indiana Cavalry Volunteers on 18 Aug 1863 in Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana, United States. 15, 19– 23

James mustered into Company K 7th Regiment Indiana Volunteers Cavalry on 17 Sep 1863. 24

He enlisted in the military was reported absent sick and in hospital in Nov 1863 in Memphis, Shelby, Tennessee, United States. 19, 25

He served in Company K 7th Indiana Cavalry between Dec 1864 and 19 Sep 1865. 4, 6, 26– 27

James was discharged from the military on 19 Sep 1865 in Hempstead, Waller, Texas, United States. 15, 19, 21– 24, 28

He married Rachel Elmeda Christy on 12 Jul 1866 in Frankfort, Clinton, Indiana, United States. 6, 10, 16, 23, 29– 41

On 7 Apr 1868, Frances Artlissa “Artie” Ricketts was born in Clinton, Indiana, United States. 40– 41

He received pension for service in K 7 Indiana Cavalry on 20 Apr 1870 . 15, 42

On 24 Apr 1870, Hulda May Ricketts was born in Clinton, Indiana, United States. 40– 41

James M. Ricketts was listed as the head of household on the 1870 census. According to the census, James was 29 and born in Indiana. Also living in the household were Reachel, Artlissa and Jennie. 43

On 9 Nov 1871, Annabelle Ricketts was born in Clinton, Indiana, United States. 40– 41

On 29 Jul 1873, Daisy Pearl Ricketts was born in Clinton, Indiana, United States. 40– 41

On 17 Mar 1875, Manford Milton Ebesnor Ricketts was born in Clinton, Indiana, United States. 40– 41

On 17 Jun 1877, Charles Desmond Ricketts was born in Clinton, Indiana, United States. 40– 41

He purchased land being the N 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 6 Township 24 S Range 16 E for \$825 from L. W. Blumberg and his wife Martha on 18 Oct 1879 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 44

James M. Ricketts was listed as the head of the household on the 1880 census. According to the census, James was 32 and born in Indiana. James' occupation was farming. Also listed in the household was his wife, Rachel A.; daughters Frances A., Hulda A., Anna B., Dais T and sons Manford and Esond. Ebenezer Christy was also living with the family. 45

On 7 Oct 1880, Minnie Ricketts was born in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 41

On 7 Oct 1880, Dora Ricketts was born in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 41

James lived in Woodson, Kansas, United States in 1881. 15

He lived in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States on 4 Jul 1883. 33

He purchased land being SE 1/4 SEction 35 Township 23 Range 15 from J. M. Baldwin on 1 Nov 1883 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 46

James M Ricketts was listed as the head of household on the 1885 Kansas census. According to the census, James was 38 years old. Also listed in the household were R.E., Artlissa, Hulda May, Ana Bell, Daisy P, Manfor and Desmond. A. Christy was also living in the household. 9

James lived in Byron, Woodson, Kansas, USA in 1889. 47

J. M. Ricketts was listed as the head of household on the 1895 Kansas census. According to the census, J. M. was 48 years old and born in Indiana. 12

He lived in Crandall, Coffey, Kansas in 1898. 40

James Ricketts was listed as the head of household on the 1900 census. According to the census, James was born Nov 1848 in Indiana. James and his wife, Rachel had been married 35 years. Also living in the household was his wife, Rachel, and a son, Manford. 48

He owned the SE 1/4 Section 35 R15E T23S in 1904 in Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 49

James was listed as a 58 year old male born in Indiana on the 1905 Kansas census living in Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States on 1 Mar 1905. 11

He lived in Vernon, Woodson, Kansas, United States in 1907. 22

He spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Briles on 25 Aug 1907 in Coffey, Kansas, United States. 50

James lived in Vernon, Woodson, Kansas, United States on 30 Nov 1909. 33

James M Ricketts was listed as the head of the household on the 1910 census.

According to the census, James was 62 years old and born in Indiana. Also living in the household was his wife, Rachel. 51

He lived in Vernon, Woodson, Kansas, United States in 1912. 15

J.M. Ricketts was listed as the head of the household on the 1915 Kansas state census in Woodson County. According to the census, J.M. was a 67 year old farmer born in Indiana. 13

James M Ricketts was listed as the head of household on the 1920 census. According to the census, James was 72 years old and born in Indiana. Also living in the household was his wife, Rachel E. Ricketts. 52

He died on 28 Nov 1920 at the age of 73 in Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 3– 4, 8, 14, 16, 23, 36– 37, 53– 55

James was buried on 29 Nov 1920 in Liberty (Dutro), Woodson County, Kansas. 8, 14, 56– 57

He had his estate probated on 8 Jan 1921 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 58

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Woodson County, Kansas; accompanying photograph by Robin Hixon, James M Ricketts.

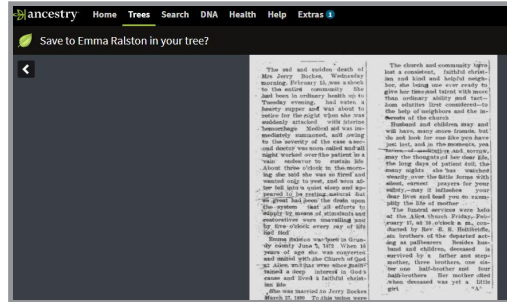
57. BillionGraves, digital images of tombstone, *BillionGraves* (billiongraves.com : viewed online 8 April 2021), memorial for James M Ricketts 91847-1920), BillionGraves created by mcphilbrick, citing Dutro Cemetery, Woodson County, Kansas; accompanying photograph by DdraigGoch, James M Ricketts.

58. Kansas, Wills and Probate Records, 1803-1987, J M Ricketts, 8 January 1921; database on-line, *Ancestry.com* ( <http://www.ancestry.com> : viewed online August 2018).

# Digging Deeper

Friday, May 21, 2021

Have you ever seen an obituary clipping without a source? I know I have quite a few clippings that my grandmothers saved from local papers. Most of those clippings do not have anything on them to identify the source. Recently, I encountered a similar situation when working Ancestry hints for Emma Ralston Bockes. Someone had shared an image of an obituary that was originally shared by a different Ancestry user.



Since I was hoping to find the source to go with the image, I searched Ancestry for the original poster. Unfortunately, I didn't find any source information with the image he shared. Nor, did I find a source listed on his tree for hte obituary.

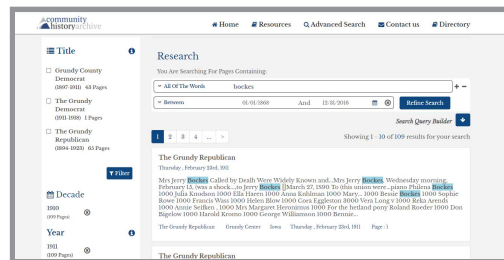
Since the image appeared to be from a digital copy of the newspaper, I started searching my 'go-to' newspaper sources: Newspapers.com and Genealogy Bank. And, my search turned up nothing.

My next step was to search Kenneth Marks' resource, Ancestor Hunt. On this site, he identifies many, many newspapers that have been digitized with links to their source. On his list of Iowa Online Historical Newspapers, I hit the jackpot! The King Memorial Library had digitized many of the Grundy County, Iowa newspapers. thru Advantage Archives.



I did a quick search for the surname and then narrowed the results down to 1911, the

year of her death.



And I found the obituary!

Death Angel Calls Two  
Both Were Old Settlers  
Arscott Thomas and Mrs. Jerry Bockes  
Called by Death — Were Widely  
Known and Universally  
Respected

The sad and sudden death of Mrs. Jerry Bockes Wednesday morning, February 15, was a shock to the entire community. She had been in ordinary health up to Tuesday evening, had eaten a hearty supper and was about to retire for the night when she was suddenly attacked with uterine hemorrhage. Medical aid was immediately summoned, and owing to the severity of the case a second doctor was soon called and all night worked over the patient in a vain endeavor to sustain life. About three o'clock in the morning she said she was so tired and wanted only to rest, and soon after fell into a quiet sleep and appeared to be resting natural. But so great had been the drain upon the system that all efforts to supply by means of stimulants and restoratives were unavailing and by five o'clock every ray of life had fled.

Emma Ralston was born in Grady county June 2, 1872 when 16 years of age she was converted and united with the Church of God and Alice, and has ever since maintained a deep interest in God's cause and lived a faithful Christian life.

She was married to Jerry Bockes March 27, 1890. To this union were born eight children all of whom survive the mother and are still within the parental home. To the husband the departed has been a faithful companion, bearing her full share of the care and burdens of the home, always listening to the details of his interest with a marked degree of sympathy and love. The children have lost a friend who possessed all the endearing qualities of a fond and patient mother, ever mindful of the care and comfort of her loved ones.

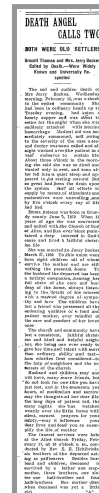
The church and community have lost a consistent, faithful Christian and kind and helpful neighbor, she being one ever ready to give her time and talent with more than ordinary ability and tact — home duties first considered — to the help of neighbors and the interests of the church.

Husband and children may and will have, many more friends, but do not look for one like you have just lost, and in the moments, yes hours, of meditation and sorrow, may the thoughts of her dear life, the long days of patient toil, the many nights she was watched wearily over the little forms with silent, earnest prayers for your safety — may it influence your dear lives and lead you to exemplify the life of mother.

The funeral services were held at the Alice church Friday, February 17, at 10 o'clock a.m. conducted by rev. E. E. Heltibridge, six brothers of the departed acting as pallbearers. Besides husband and children, deceased is survived by a father and step-mother, three brothers, one sister one half-brother and four half-brothers. Her mother died when

deceased was yet a little girl.

"Death Angel Calls two," *The Grundy Republican* (Grundy Center, Iowa), 23 February 1911, page 1; digital image, *Grundy Center Advantage Archives* (<http://grundycenter.advantage-preservation.com/> : viewed online 18 April 2021).



So, I was reminded of several 'lessons' that I've learned over the past few years.

- Kenneth Mark's Ancestor Hunt site contains a wealth of information regarding digitized newspapers!
- Many public libraries are paying to have their newspaper collection digitized on Advantage Archives.
- These library collections are their own unique 'community history archive'. Thus, tools such as Ancestor Hunt make it easier to find these collections.

Thus, it is possible to locate at least some of those clippings if one is willing to dig a little deeper.

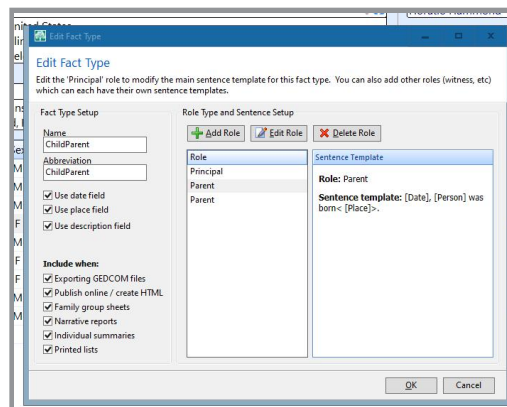
# Always Learning

Friday, May 21, 2021

Do you consider yourself an 'expert' at using a piece of computer software? I don't know that I would label myself an 'expert' but instead would label myself an 'advanced' user. I consider myself an 'advanced' user because there's always some aspect of the software that I haven't used.

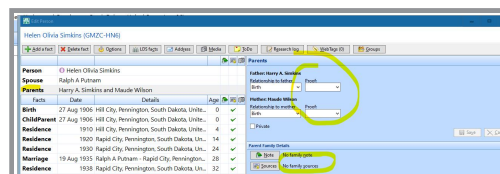
That was pointed out to me in the April 12th edition of Mondays with Myrt. They were talking about how one could mark parents as 'proven', 'disproven' or 'disputed'. One can write notes and attach sources to this fact. I had no idea one could do this.

When I used the software 'The Master Genealogist,' I had a fact called 'ChildParent'. I enter this fact for the child and attach sources that support the identity of the parents. I then share the fact with the parents. I have the fact configured so that it will print a statement about the child's birth on the narrative report for the president.



Even though this type of fact has been discussed on the RootsMagic forums, I had never heard of the ability to indicate that the parent-child relationship was proven.

This feature is available when one is on the 'Edit Person' screen and clicks on the parents.



The sources attached to the ChildParent fact can be copied/pasted to the 'Parents' sources. Once at least one source is attached, I can change the 'Proof' pull down to Proven.

Now that I know about this feature, I am going to use it on my Ricketts line. I had previously disconnected the parents of John Ricketts (1765-1848) because I had some conflicting information. I just reconnected the original parents and marked them as 'Disputed'.

I'm thankful to always be learning. I'm also thankful for the myriad of ways I can continue to learn about family history research.

# Making Connections

Saturday, May 22, 2021

#CousinBait #52Ancestors

I know I'm going to date myself, but I remember the joy of finding Everton's Genealogical Helper in our mailbox. I would pour through each issue looking for an ad that might connect me with a genealogical cousin. Finding such an ad would cause me to compose a letter with a pedigree chart or family group sheet attached and send it off with a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope). I would then wait for a reply. Sometimes, I would be the person posting such an ad. Again I would anxiously await any replies to my ad. [See article: Pre-Internet Cousin Bait]

Thru time, mailing lists, surname lists and message boards replaced the ads in the Helper. Even though those resources may still exist, I rarely use them. Browsing Ancestry's message boards and seeing fewer and fewer messages posted and many with no replies, it is obvious that others are not using this resource either.

So, what is being done to connect with cousins. My husband has successfully used Facebook groups for his ancestors to connect with living cousins. Even though I have befriended a lot of cousins on FB, I have not had the success that my husband has had. That is likely due to the fact that he is very active in his groups and tends to ignore anything and everything else on Facebook while I'm not very active in my family groups.

Instead of Facebook, I've been concentrating on this blog. I've shared photos, ancestral biographies, lists of descendants, sources and analysis of local records in my various blog posts.

In terms of sharing my genealogical data, I concentrate on my Ancestry tree, Heartland Genealogy. I am also adding sources and memories to the FamilySearch tree. Since I'm using RootsMagic 7 for my genealogical research, I also have a free site thru RootsMagic for my data.



Another way in which I try to connect with cousins is thru DNA. My Ancestry tree is

connected to the four DNA tests I manage on Ancestry. To help make connections with DNA cousins, I am researching descendants of my 2nd and 3rd great grandparents. By doing this research, I'm hoping to provide a connection between my tree and a DNA match's tree.

In order to connect with cousins who may have tested their DNA on a different site, I have transferred my Ancestry DNA to GedMatch, MyHeritage and FamilyTree DNA. Thanks to the use of GedCom, I have transferred my genealogical data to these sites. Thus, I have a tree connected to DNA on MyHeritage, GedMatch, and FamilyTreeDNA.

Thanks to my brother agreeing to do a yDNA test, his results are part of the CRAWFORD yDNA project. This project has a fantastic administrator and an associated Facebook group. I am also participating in the GedMatch project for Germanna descendants. Both of these projects are helping me connect to DNA cousins with ties back to the 1700s.

So cousin, if you find a connection to your research in my research posted on my tree or in my blog or via my DNA results, please contact me. I can be friended on Facebook as Marcia Crawford Philbrick, messaged in Ancestry or reached via email using mcphilbrick at gmail dot com as my address.



# Rainy Days

Sunday, May 23, 2021

For those of you that don't live in Eastern Kansas, many of us are beginning to believe that

## *Kansas is the new Portland*

You see, we've had at least 8 straight days of cloudy, rainy weather. If the Kansas City area ties the record of 10 days, then the forecast says it will be at least 13 straight days of rain. Last night, the weatherman said the chance of rain was very low for today. However, it is cloudy and my phone informed me that it will start raining this afternoon.

I was hoping that the rain would end so I could visit cemeteries this week. Since I'm spending the week in Kansas City to housesit my brother's house and check in on my mom while he is taking a much needed vacation, I had these grandiose plans to visit all of the cemeteries where cousins are buried.

For my trip here, I decided to go thru Weston, Missouri and Leavenworth, Kansas to visit graves and try and find some other cousin graves. I knew that it had rained enough that I didn't want to visit the rural Platte county, Missouri cemeteries, but I was hoping to visit Laurell Hill Cemetery in Weston.

Even though the forecast was for a 50% chance of rain, I was prepared. I packed by rubber snow boots so I could put them on to walk thru the high grass. (Remember, it's been raining daily, making it difficult to get grass mowed.) When I reached Weston, I was thankful for those boots. Even though it was just drizzling, the grass was wet and my feet stayed dry.



By the time I reached Mount Muncie Cemetery in Leavenworth, the drizzle had turned into a light rain. On came the boots again along with a rain jacket as I located the graves of my second great grandparents: Hiram Currey and his wife Angelina Burke Currey.



While visiting these two cemeteries, I only visited those graves that I had previously been to. If it hadn't been raining, I likely would have walked around the Laurel Hill Cemetery to

find the Kirkpatrick cousins buried there.

So will I put those pages of cemetery data to work and visit the graves of these various cousins? Possibly, if it stops raining. However, if it continues raining, I may not venture out onto wet roads to tramp around a wet cemetery in my boots.

# GedMatch Projects

Monday, May 24, 2021

Have you spit in a test tube to have your DNA analyzed? Have you transferred those results to GedMatch to take advantage of the DNA analysis tools they offer? If so, have you checked out their 'Ancestor Projects'?

As a Germanna Descendant, I joined their recently created project. Running a search of my DNA against other members of a project simply requires the selection of a project to be used and the entering of a kit number.

The screenshot shows the 'GEDmatch® Ancestor Projects' Segment Analysis form. At the top, there are links for 'Project Member Utilities' and 'Request a new project'. The form is titled 'Segment Analysis' and shows the user 'Marcia Philbrick'. Under 'Select a Project', several radio button options are listed, with 'Member - A Your Ancestors were Smith and Jones or Brown...' selected. Below this, the 'GEDmatch Kit Number' is entered as 'A12345678'. There are dropdown menus for 'Lower Segment cM Threshold (Default=7)' and 'Upper cM Segment Threshold (Default=500)'. Other fields include 'Lower MRCA generations limit', 'Selected Chromosome', and 'Exclude Chromosome 23'. At the bottom, 'Sort Options' are set to 'Kit Number'.

## GedMatch Segment Analysis Screen

Once the submit button is pressed, it is just a matter of waiting for the DNA to be analyzed. It appears that switching away from the browser tab stops this process. To get around this, I simply opened GedMatch in its own Window and did not minimize the window. Once finished, a table appears.

The screenshot shows the 'GEDmatch® Ancestor Projects' results screen. It displays the 'Segment Analysis' details, including the project name, kit number, and analysis parameters. Below this, there is a table of results. The table has columns for 'MK', 'Kit', 'Name', 'Time', 'Chr', 'Start', 'End', 'cM', 'SNPs', 'Overlap', 'MRCA', 'Email', 'Y-chromosome', 'X-Frag', and 'Source'. The table is currently empty, showing only the header row.

## GedMatch Ancestor Projects Results Screen

When it comes to 'brick walls', I have several SMITH lines where I'm lacking information. Thus, I joined the 'A Your Ancestors were Smith and Jones or Brown ...'. When I ran a segment analysis for this project, many lines of the report were for shared chromosome segments with my brothers and a parent. To make it easier to work with this data, I downloaded the CSV file and then opened it in Excel. Once open in Excel, I was able to pull out my family data so that the only remaining data was to other Smith, Jones or Brown matches. I then sorted by chromosome. Now, I have a list of matches and need to figure out which branch of my tree they match.

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Colonial American Dutch ancestry or early colonial ancestry in one or more areas.

If you are like me and would appreciate the ability to see how you match against other GedMatch users with a similar surname, please either become a project administrator or agree to participate when surname project administrators suggest creating a project.

# Rachel Christy

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Rachel Elmeda Christy<sup>1</sup> was born on 28 Apr 1845 in Clinton, Indiana, United States.<sup>2–8</sup>

She was the child of Samuel Christy and Lyda Gallimore.<sup>9</sup>

She was listed as Elmedia Cristy, a 5 year old female who was born in Ohio in the household of Samuel Cristy in Jasper Township, Fayette, Ohio, United States on 21 Sep 1850.<sup>10</sup>

Rachel E. Christy was listed in the household of Samuel H Christy on the 1860 census living in Jefferson Township, Tipton County, Indiana. According to the census, Rachel was 15 years old and born in Ohio.<sup>11</sup>

She married James Marshall Ricketts on 12 Jul 1866 in Frankfort, Clinton, Indiana, United States.<sup>4–5,7,12–25</sup>

On 7 Apr 1868, Frances Artlissa “Artie” Ricketts was born in Clinton, Indiana, United States.<sup>22–23</sup>

On 24 Apr 1870, Hulda May Ricketts was born in Clinton, Indiana, United States.<sup>22–23</sup>

Rachel A Ricketts was listed in the household of James M Ricketts on the 1870 census living in Sugar Creek Township, Clinton County, Indiana. According to the census, Rachel was 25 years old and born in Ohio.<sup>26</sup>

On 9 Nov 1871, Annabelle Ricketts was born in Clinton, Indiana, United States.<sup>22–23</sup>

On 29 Jul 1873, Daisy Pearl Ricketts was born in Clinton, Indiana, United States.<sup>22–23</sup>

On 17 Mar 1875, Manford Milton Ebesnor Ricketts was born in Clinton, Indiana, United States.<sup>22–23</sup>

On 17 Jun 1877, Charles Desmond Ricketts was born in Clinton, Indiana, United States.<sup>22–23</sup>

Rachel A Ricketts was listed as the wife of James M Ricketts on the 1880 census living in Everett Township, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, Rachel was 34 years old and born in Ohio.<sup>27</sup>

On 7 Oct 1880, Minnie Ricketts was born in Woodson, Kansas, United States.<sup>23</sup>

On 7 Oct 1880, Dora Ricketts was born in Woodson, Kansas, United States.<sup>23</sup>

R. E. Ricketts was listed in the household of James M. Ricketts on the 1885 Kansas census living in Everett Township, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, R. E. Ricketts was 39 years old.<sup>1</sup>

R. E. Ricketts was listed in the household of J. M. Ricketts on the 1895 Kansas census living in Liberty Township, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, R. E.

Ricketts was 50 years old and born in Ohio.<sup>8</sup>

Rachel E. Ricketts was listed as the wife of James M. Ricketts on the 1900 census living in Liberty Township, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, Rachel was born April 1845 in Ohio. Rachel and James had been married 35 years in 1900. Rachel was the mother of 8 children, 6 of whom were living in 1900.<sup>28</sup>

Rachel was listed as Rachel Ricketts, a 60 year old female who was born in Ohio in the household of J. M. Ricketts living in Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States on 1 Mar 1905.<sup>29</sup>

Rachel E. Ricketts was listed as the wife of James M Ricketts on the 1910 census living in Liberty Township, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, Rachel was 64 years old and born in Ohio. Rachel was the mother of 8 children, 6 of whom were living in 1910.<sup>30</sup>

She was listed as R. E. Ricketts, a 69 year old female who was born in Ohio in the household of J. M. Ricketts living in Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States on 1 Jul 1915.<sup>31</sup>

Rachel E Ricketts was listed as the wife of James M. Ricketts on the 1920 census living in Liberty Township, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, Rachel was 74 years old and born in Ohio.<sup>32</sup>

She lived in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States in Dec 1920.<sup>19</sup>

Rachel received pension as a widow of James M Ricketts for his service in K 7 Indiana Cavalry on 23 Feb 1921 .<sup>33</sup>

She lived in Topeka, Kansas, United States in 1924.<sup>9</sup>

Rachel Ricketts was listed as the 80 year old mother in the household of Edward G. Briles living in Iola, Allen County, Kansas. According to the census, Rachel was born in Indiana.<sup>34</sup>

She died on 27 Jan 1927 at the age of 81 in Iola, Allen, Kansas, United States.<sup>2-4,6-7,35-36</sup>

Rachel was buried on 29 Jan 1927 in Liberty (Dutro), Woodson County, Kansas.<sup>3-4,37</sup>

#### ENDNOTES:

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# ThruLines Analysis

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Have you tested your DNA with Ancestry? If so, do you have a tree with at least a few ancestors named? And, are your DNA results attached to someone in your tree? Those are the requirements for Ancestry to begin populating your ancestral 'ThruLines'.

Basically, ThruLines tries to locate other descendants of your ancestors and show relationships to a common ancestor. These suggested relationships are dependent on the accuracy of your tree as well as the accuracy of your DNA match's tree.

Without evaluating those relationships, I believe one can use the number of matches an ancestor has to pick up clues about one's tree. For example, my logic suggests that unless there are only children involved, the number of matches should increase from one generation to the next. I also believe that unless there are multiple marriages involved, the number of matches for the husband should match the number of matches for his wife. Thus, an analysis of the number of matches can raise questions about one's own tree.

For example, I manage 4 tests on Ancestry. Three of those tests are for siblings. Thus when I see 2 matches for grandparents and 3 matches for great grandparents that suggests an issue.

5	Grandparents	Me	DC	TC	RB
7	Leon Crawford	2	2	2	
3	Winnie Currey	2	2	2	
9	Edward Briles	7	7	7	7
0	Pauline Mentzer	7	7	7	7
1					
2	Great Grandparents	Me	DC	TC	RB
3	Judson Crawford	11	11	11	
4	Josie Hammond	11	11	11	
5	Hiram Currey	3	3	3	
6	Winnie Hutchinson	3	3	3	
7	Edward Briles	8	8	8	8
8	Frances Ricketts	8	8	8	8
9	Charles Mentzer	9	9	9	9
0	Nettie Wells	9	9	9	9

However,, when I browse thru my matches, I find at least four known second cousins thru my ancestors Hiram Currey and Winnie Hutchinson that either don't have a tree or have an unlinked tree. Spelling of the surname may also be an issue, since some records spell the surnames as Curry and Hutchison. Thus, I'm not overly concerned about their only being 3 matches for this pair of great grandparents.

These numbers can also reveal matches connecting thru a different spouse. My ancestor, Richmond Hammond had a daughter, Hattie, by his second wife. When I look at the number of ThruLines matches for Richmond Hammond and his first wife Sarah Ralston, they are not the same. Thus, this can be a clue to look for multiple marriages.

2	2nd Great Grandparents	Me	DC	TC
3	Washington Crawford	16	17	16
4	Mary Foster	16	17	16
5	Richmond Hammond	13	13	13
6	Sarah Ralston	12	12	12

Another issue is revealed by comparing the number of matches between generations. For example, my 2nd great grandmother, Angelina Burke has 8 ThruLines matches. If I look at her parents, they also have 8 matches.

2nd Great Grandparents	Me	DC	TC	RB
1 Washington Crawford	16	17	16	
4 Mary Foster	16	17	16	
5 Richmond Hammond	13	13	13	
5 Sarah Ralston	12	12	12	
7 Hiram Currey	8	8	8	
8 Angelina Burke	8	8	8	
9 Albert Hutchinson	30	27	27	
9 Julia Harding	30	27	27	
11 Noah Briles	10	10	10	10
12 Sarah Thompson	10	10	10	10
3 James Ricketts	9	9	9	9
4 Rachel Christy	9	9	9	9
5 George Mentzer	14	14	13	14
5 Emaline Minnick	14	14	13	14
7 Thurston Wells	16	14	15	16
8 Salome Crandall	13	13	12	13
3rd Great Grandparents	Me	DC	TC	RB
1 Nelson Crawford	16	19	15	
2 Martha Smith	16	19	15	
3 Zebulon Foster	19	24	23	
4 Caroline Ostrander	19	24	23	
5 Haratio Hammond	23	31	30	
5 Louisa Fisk	23	31	30	
7 James Ralston	34	38	33	
8 Nancy McCormick	33	37	32	
9 Hiram Currey	18	8	19	
10 Rachel Harris	18	8	19	
11 Henry Burke	8	8	8	
12 Elizabeth Bland	8	8	8	
3 Aaron Hutchinson	29	26	26	
4 Sarah Merry	30	27	27	

Since Angelina was not an only child, I would expect more matches for her parents than for her. Since that isn't true, then I have to look at 'why'. One reason might be that no one has tested from her siblings lines. Another reason may be that those descendants have tested but either don't have a tree attached or have a very small tree that doesn't have a person in common with my tree. It is also possible that other trees use a different format or spelling for the names of Henry Burke and Elizabeth Bland. Another reason is that my tree might be wrong. Thus, these numbers indicate that I need to do additional work on this particular line.

A telling issue is a very small number of matches for a distant relative. Thus, when I see only 2 matches for James Forbes while his wife, Ann Thomson has 16-19 matches, I know there is an issue.

5th Great Grandparents	Me	DC	TC
41 Andrew Crawford - potential	14	12	10
42 Mary _____ - potential	14	12	10
43 Ann Shoemaker - potential	15	14	11
44 John Foster	90	96	93
45 Elizabeth Lewis	90	96	93
46 Jeremiah Browing	31	29	37
47 Cassandra Farmer	13	9	16
48 Hermanus Ostrander - potential	24	24	22
49 Barbara Terwilliger	24	24	22
50 James Forbes	2	2	2
51 Ann Thomson	18	19	16
52 Nathaniel Hammond	26	29	35
53 Dorothy Tucker	26	29	33
54 Theodore Hale	23	31	31
55 Rachel Talcot	24	32	32
56 Barbara Brown - potential	22	20	23
57 Josiah Arnold - potential	17	20	22

Since I don't have much data to support this ancestor, I'm assuming that I have a mistake in my tree.

And then there are the zeroes.

6	Margaret Conn - potential	54
7	Elijah Stanley	131
8	Hannah Mills	131
9	John Bentley - potential	68
0	Catharine Jessop - potential	68
1	Mark Pearson - potential	88
2	Elizabeth Lamb - potential	88
3	John Miles	0
4	Elizabeth Brooks	0
5	Joseph Stone - potential	1
6	Lydia Stone - potential	1
7	John Joslin	11
8	Lucy Wilder	11
9	Nathaniel Cartter - potential	9

Even though these zeroes are associated with my mom's 5th great grandparents, they are still a red flag that I likely have something wrong.

Thus, taking the time to record the number of matches for my ancestral ThruLines was worth it.

Below are the numbers for each of the ThruLines matches for the tests I manage:

2	2nd Great Grandparents	Me	DC	TC	RB
3	Washington Crawford	16	17	16	
4	Mary Foster	16	17	16	
5	Richmond Hammond	13	13	13	
6	Sarah Ralston	12	12	12	
7	Hiram Currey	8	8	8	
8	Angelina Burke	8	8	8	
9	Albert Hutchinson	30	27	27	
0	Julia Harding	30	27	27	
1	Noah Briles	10	10	10	10
2	Sarah Thompson	10	10	10	10
3	James Ricketts	9	9	9	9
4	Rachel Christy	9	9	9	9
5	George Mentzer	14	14	13	14
6	Emaline Minnick	14	14	13	14
7	Thurston Wells	16	14	15	16
8	Salome Crandall	13	13	12	13

3	3rd Great Grandparents	Me	DC	TC	RB
1	Nelson Crawford	16	19	15	
2	Martha Smith	16	19	15	
3	Zebulon Foster	19	24	23	
4	Caroline Ostrander	19	24	23	
5	Haratio Hammond	23	31	30	
6	Louisa Frisk	23	31	30	
7	James Ralston	34	38	33	
8	Nancy McCormick	33	37	32	
9	Hiram Currey	18	8	19	
0	Rachel Harris	18	8	19	
1	Henry Burke	8	8	8	
2	Elizabeth Bland	8	8	8	
3	Aaron Hutchinson	29	26	26	
4	Sarah Merry	30	27	27	
5	William Harding	61	48	66	
6	Elizabeth Fowler	60	47	65	
7	Alexander Briles	18	19	17	21
8	Sarah Rush	19	21	20	23
9	William Thompson	10	14	12	13
0	Polly Evans	10	14	12	13
1	John Ricketts	11	11	10	12
2	Orilda Reed	11	11	10	12
3	Samuel Christy	17	17	16	23
4	Lyda Gallmore	13	14	12	15
5	Phillip Mentzer	22	28	25	28
6	Orinda Miles	3	3	3	3
7	John Minnick	18	16	16	19
8	Elizabeth Jones	18	16	16	19
9	Ozias Wells	28	21	26	37
0	Mary Kennedy	28	21	26	37
1	Lewis Crandall	16	16	12	16
2	Almira Nafus	16	16	12	16

4th Great Grandparents	Me	DC	TC	RB
James Crawford	29	28	22	
Sarah Smith	31	33	25	
Smith	14	17	13	
Hannah	14	17	13	
Richard Foster	47	53	49	
Rachel Browning	47	53	49	
Edward Ostrander	32	34	28	
Margaret	31	33	27	
Jason Hammond	28	35	40	
Rachel Hale	28	35	40	
Jonathan Fisk	33	33	37	
Mary Arnold	31	31	38	
David Ralston	49	51	41	
Hannah Barr	49	51	41	
James McCormick	4	4	3	
Sarah Hall	31	34	28	
Hiram Currey	24	15	27	
Sarah Reagan	23	14	29	
Peter Harris	17	7	18	
Rachel Simonsen VanArsdale	17	7	18	
John Burke	46	16	33	
Elizabeth Graves	57	53	41	
Eli Bland	9	16	9	
Sarah Anderson	4	8	3	
Aaron Hutchinson	25	23	23	
Hannah Nettleton	25	23	23	
Whiting Merry	26	24	24	
Elizabeth Peabody	26	24	24	
William Harding	72	52	82	
Elizabeth Flewelling	72	51	82	
Thomas Fowler	54	57	59	
?	50	42	57	

4th Great Grandparents	Me	DC	TC	RB
John Briles	160	128	59	215
Nancy Beckerdite	157	130	58	209
Noah Rush	89	109	91	122
Sarah Clark	89	109	91	122
John Thompson	13	24	27	43
Sarah Iglehart	13	24	27	43
James Evans	14	18	20	22
Sarah Garret	15	22	27	35
Edward Ricketts	11	10	8	11
Sarah Story	12	10	8	12
John Reed	44	27	25	47
Mary Buckles	68	49	40	75
Ebenezer Christy	31	29	33	46
Rachel	31	29	33	46
Isom Gallimore	79	70	54	107
Judith Bentley	78	70	54	106
Phillip Mentzer	19	24	21	24
Isabella Motes	19	24	21	24
Oliver Miles	26	26	25	32
Sarah Joslin	26	26	25	32
Minick	5	3	4	5
Esther Schiedel	20	16	17	18
Henry Jones	19	17	23	27
Catherine Bovey	19	17	23	27
Green Wells	33	29	29	38
Abigail White	33	29	29	38
John Kennedy	26	25	25	36
Anna	7	6	7	10
Hampton Crandle	36	36	34	36
Freelove Butler	36	36	34	36
William Nafus	31	31	15	34
Salome Carpenter	29	28	14	30

5th Great Grandparents	Me	DC	TC	RB
Andrew Crawford - potential	14	12	10	
Mary - potential	14	12	10	
Ann Shoemaker - potential	15	14	11	
John Foster	90	96	93	
Elizabeth Lewis	90	96	93	
Jeremiah Browing	31	29	37	
Cassandra Farmer	13	9	16	
Hermanus Ostrander - potential	24	24	22	
Barbara Terwilliger	24	24	22	
James Forbes	2	2	2	
Ann Thomson	18	19	16	
Nathaniel Hammond	26	29	35	
Dorothy Tucker	26	29	33	
Theodore Hale	23	31	31	
Rachel Talcot	24	32	32	
Barbara Brown - potential	22	20	23	
Josiah Arnold - potential	17	20	22	
Catharina Briner - potential	23	21	27	
John Ralston	59	43	45	
Ann	59	42	44	
James Barr	36	34	27	
Martha Cunningham	36	36	27	
John McCormick	4	4	3	
Elizabeth McMillan	4	4	3	
David Hall	2	2	2	
Jackson	2	2	2	

5th Great Grandparents	Me	DC	TC	RB
Thomas Curry - potential	16	6	18	
Phebe Sample	5	2	5	
Daniel Harris	19	13	26	
Elizabeth Demaree	19	13	26	
Siman Gerrit VanArsdale	53	27	80	
Rachel Banta	40	20	60	
James Burke	33	32	22	
Ann More	20	18	15	
Eason Graves	63	65	51	
Judith Parrott	63	65	51	
Osborn Bland	44	54	36	
Letitia Hambrick - potential	44	54	36	
Robert Anderson - potential	9	23	14	
Mary Martin - potential	9	23	14	
Asa Hutchinson	18	17	17	
Mercy Bill	20	22	18	
George Nettleton	15	15	15	
Ebenezer Merry	20	17	18	
Sarah Whiting	20	17	18	
Stephen Peabody	21	22	19	
Elizabeth Clark	21	22	19	
William Harding	54	44	53	
Leah Gillies	54	44	53	
Abel Flewelling	54	47	59	
Abigail Fowler	54	47	59	
Daniel Fowler	41	42	41	
Johanna Woolsey	41	42	41	

5th Great Grandparents	Me	DC	TC	RB
Frederick Briles	97	79	47	128
Mary Goodrich	91	74	43	126
Richard Beckerdite - potential	177	139	79	249
Mary Wright	178	140	79	251
Benjamin Rush	183	205	165	257
Dorcas Vickory	183	203	163	256
John Clark	72	97	77	101
Mary Spencer	73	98	79	103
David Thompson - potential	11	22	25	38
Ann Bell - potential	11	23	27	41
Jacob Iglehart	13	33	41	64
Ann Beall	12	27	34	54
James Evans	9	16	16	19
Charlotte Brooke	9	17	17	20
John Garret	14	22	25	34
Barbara Ingold	15	22	26	34
John Ricketts	26	17	22	35
Mary Smith	26	16	23	35
James Story	16	22	13	24
Sarah Jenkins	16	21	13	24
John Reed	42	27	19	43
Agnes	39	26	21	42
James Buckles	57	48	38	66
Ann Osborn	57	48	38	66
Samuel Christy	37	29	26	49
Sarah Campbell	37	29	26	49
Thomas Davison	51	47	28	68
Anna Kopp	50	45	29	68
William Gallimore	97	94	65	124
Mary Stanley	97	81	54	88

5th Great Grandparents	Me	DC	TC	RB
Benonie Bentley	93	94	77	135
Rebecca Pearson	86	87	71	129
Miles	17	16	19	20
Martha Stone	17	16	19	20
John Joslin	22	24	25	30
Susannah Carter	22	23	25	30
Johann Schiedel	14	13	13	13
Rosina Jung	14	13	13	13
Jonathan Jones	13	13	19	21
Schultz	13	13	19	21
Michael Bovey	18	16	24	27
Veronica Rauhauser	18	16	24	27
Nathaniel Wells	17	19	16	21
Mary Thurston	17	19	16	21
Oliver White	27	21	27	29
Abigail Selden	27	21	27	29
Kennedy	17	17	23	30
Mary Campbell	18	17	23	30
Comfort Barnes	13	22	28	34
Hannah Cowee	13	22	28	34
John Crandall	6	7	6	7
Amy Lillibridge	8	9	8	9
Zephaniah Butler	26	31	30	30
Sara Kilby	7	11	12	11
Cornelius Nafus	34	32	19	35
Jane Skelton	34	32	19	36
John Carpenter - potential	21	19	11	19
Lovina Chappelle - potential	21	19	11	19



7	Mom's 5th Great Grandparents	RB
8	Conrad Broil	109
9	Margaret Rush	108
10	Edward Goodrich - potential	35
11	Juliana Davis - potential	32
12	John Beckerdite - potential	80
13	Rebecca Wright - potential	80
14	John Wright - potential	103
15	Mary Gates - potential	76
16	Crafford Rush	120
17	Mary Briles	119
18	Marmaduke Vickory	0
19	Elizabeth	152
20	Samuel Clark	73
21	Elizabeth Bennett	74
22	Thomas Spencer JR - potential	54
23	Elizabeth Skillern - potential	46
24	William Thompson - potential	17
25	David Beall - potential	18
26	Elizabeth Dorany - potential	16
27	John Iglehart - potential	44
28	Mary Denune	43
29	Josiah Beall - potential	22
30	Ann Boswell - potential	24
31	James Evans - potential	6
32	Mary Brooke - potential	6
33	John Brooke - potential	6
34	Elizabeth May - potential	5
35	Henry Garrett - potential	15
36	Margaret Clark - potential	15
37	Peter Ingold - potential	16
38	Christina Strader - potential	18

9	Mom's 5th Great Grandparents	RB
10	Edward Rickets - potential	38
11	Ann Cheney - potential	43
12	James Smith - potential	4
13	Mary Huston - potential	40
14	Thomas Story - potential	25
15	Mary Kelly - potential	25
16	William Jenkins - potential	12
17	Elizabeth - potential	12
18	Johann Rieth	0
19	Johann Reith	0
20	William Buckles	24
21	Priscilla Hendricks	22
22	William Osbourn	38
23	Mary Buckles	38
24	Samuel Christy	19
25	Polly Day	23
26	Isaac Dawson	38
27	Mary	38
28	Jacob Kopp	34
29	Elizabeth Natter	35
30	William Gallimore - potential	99
31	Margaret Conn - potential	54
32	Elijah Stanley	131
33	Hannah Mills	131
34	John Bentley - potential	68
35	Catharine Jessop - potential	68
36	Mark Pearson - potential	88
37	Elizabeth Lamb - potential	88

3	Mom's 5th Great Grandparents	RB
9	John Miles	0
10	Elizabeth Brooks	0
11	Joseph Stone - potential	1
12	Lydia Stone - potential	1
13	John Joslin	11
14	Lucy Wilder	11
15	Nathaniel Cartter - potential	9
16	Thankful Sawyer - potential	9
17	Isaac Schiedel - potential	3
18	Elizabeth Leonhardt - potential	3
19	Johann Jung - potential	3
20	Marie Eberlern - potential	3
21	David Jones - potential	9
22	Susannah Shover - potential	8
23	Gottlieb Bobe (Bovey) - potential	12
24	Catherine Smeltzer - potential	11
25	Johan Rauhauser - potential	11
26	Helen Rahauser - potential	6

7	Mom's 5th Great Grandparents	RB
8	Thomas Wells	9
9	Phebe Greene	5
10	George Thurston	5
11	Keziah	5
12	John White	4
13	Martha Church	0
14	Isaac Selden	4
15	Esther Ingram	4
16	Hugh Kennedy - potential	12
17	Rachel Billings - potential	12
18	Robert Campbell - potential	13
19	Mary McMains - potential	12
20	Comfort Barnes - potential	7
21	Sarah Abbott - potential	7
22	Andrew Cowee - potential	7
23	Jean Stuary - potential	6
24	John Crandall - potential	2
25	Mary Cottrell - potential	7
26	Joseph Butler	0
27	Martha Baldwin - potential	7
28	Cornelius Nevius	8
29	Sara Sleight	8
30	William Skelton - potential	10
31	Susannah Beck - potential	10
32	William Carpenter - potential	6
33	Hannah Needham - potential	6
34	Joshua Chappell - potential	3
35	Mary Brown - potential	3

# Mentzer Hints

Thursday, May 27, 2021

Have you found a biography for an ancestor in a county historical society publication or a county history? If so, did it provide clues about your ancestor's life?

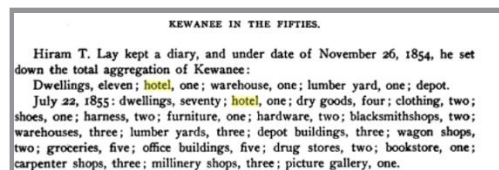
I'm lucky to have two different biographies of George Mentzer. The biography found in the book, History of Woodson and Allen Counties, Kansas, provides clues to George's life as a young adult.

In 1850, George Mentzer was living with his mother in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. In 1860, George was living with his brother in Northborough, Worcester County, Massachusetts. The clues in George's biography indicate that he was living in Illinois between 1850 and 1860.

- 1854 – a farm hand in Illinois at age of 16
- 1856 – a grocery clerk in Chicago at age of 18
- 1857 – helped establish the first hotel in Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois at age of 19
- 1859 – learned the trade of comb maker in Massachusetts at age of 21

Unfortunately, I have not been able to verify these details. George did have a brother, Rufus and a sister, Sarah Oman living in Henry County, Illinois in 1860. Rufus Mentzer served as a postmaster for Kewanee between 1861 and 1866. Thus, George could easily have been in Henry County, Illinois prior to 1860.

However, information in the book, The History of Henry County, Illinois by Henry L. Kiner includes information from a diary by Hiram T. Lay. According to that diary, there was a hotel in Kewanee in 1854. Thus, George Mentzer did not help build the first hotel in Kewanee in 1857.



Even though I have not been able to find additional documentation for George's life between 1850 and 1860, most of the other information in the biographies has been backed up by other sources.

Below is the biography found on page 680 of the book, History of Allen and Woodson Counties, Kansas (available on Ancestry).

## GEORGE MENTZER

The Veteran soldier who risked his life in defense of the flag, all things else being equal, takes high rank as a citizen. This may be partly because of the quality of the patriotism of the American public, but there is another reason for the preeminence of the veteran. The man who has the form of character to win distinction as a faithful defender of his country possesses the resourceful perseverance so necessary to success in other fields, and this is abundantly verified in the life of George Mentzer, who loyally followed the starry banner during the Civil war and is now one

of the enterprising and prosperous agriculturists of Woodson county, where he has made his home since 1869.

A native of Stowe, Massachusetts, he was born June 12, 1838, and is a son of Phillip A. and Orinda (Miles) Mentzer. The father, a native of Germany, died in Massachusetts in 1844, and his widow was buried by the side of her husband on the old home place in the Bay state. They had ten children, but only three are now living; Rufus, of Ft. Morgan, Colorado, Mrs. Sarah A. Green of Boston, Massachusetts and George of this review.

The last named was reared in his native village until sixteen years of age, when he emigrated to Illinois and became a farm hand, being employed in that capacity for about two years. He then went to Chicago, where he secured a situation as clerk in a grocery store, also acting as assistant in a butchering establishment. Upon leaving the city he returned to Massachusetts to visit his mother and while there he learned the trade of a comb maker, the combs being manufactured from the horns of cattle. He also improved his literary education by attending school. He was still in his native state when the Civil war broke out and there he enlisted as a member of company C, Twenty-fourth Massachusetts infantry, which was sent to Annapolis and on to North Carolina and thence to South Carolina, being discharged in front of Petersburg, Virginia. Among the important engagements in which he participated were the battles of Roanoke Island, Newberne, White Hall Goldsboro, Kingston, Bermuda Hundred and Petersburg. He did duty in front of the Rebel fort which was blown up by a Pennsylvania regiment. In all of his three years' service he was never wounded, but was always found at his post of duty faithfully defending the starry banner—the emblem of an undivided union.

When the war was ended Mr. Mentzer returned to Massachusetts and spent the succeeding winter in Boston, after which he turned his attention to farming. He then again made his way to Illinois, where, prior to the war, he had aided in establishing the first hotel in Kewanee. He remained a resident of Henry county and was engaged in the butchering business until 1869, when he came to Woodson County, Kansas, settling on section six. Center township, where he has since made his home, his labors being given to the improvement of his farm. He now has a rich tract of land, the alluvial soil yielding good harvests for the work bestowed upon it.

In Henry county, Illinois, Mr. Mentzer was united in marriage to Miss Emeline Minnick, a daughter of John Minnick, a Pennsylvania German, who had a family of five daughters and one son. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mentzer was celebrated on the 1st of January, 1867, and they are now the parents of eight children, as follows: Charles O. who married Nettie Wells; John P. who married Anna Wells; Susie May; Henry A.; Phillip E. who is now a student of the State Agricultural College of Kansas; Ernest E.; Clara E. and Clarence A. Although the Mentzer family have usually been Republicans, George Mentzer cast his first presidential vote for the Democratic nominee in 1860, and is now a Prohibitionist. He believes most firmly in the abolishment of the liquor traffic through acts of legislation, and he is the type of citizens who support all measures to advance the moral welfare of the community.

Below is the biography found in the Woodson County (KS) Historical Society publication, In the Beginning from July 1970.

#### The George Mentzer Family

Around 100 years ago, George Mentzer, a veteran of the Civil War first came to Woodson County, seeking a home here on the prairie. On May 16, 1870, he made a contract with the MKT Railway to purchase 160 acres in the northeast corner of Section 6-24-14. Isaac



T. Goodnow was the Katy land agent in Neosho Falls at that time. Mentzer made a deposit of \$67 on the \$738.67 that the five-year contract called for. He then returned to his home at Kewaunee, Henry County, Illinois the following year, early in the spring of 1871, George Mentzer with his wife Emeline, and two sons, Charles O. and John Fred, and a close friend, George W. Allen, came to Kansas in a covered wagon.

They arrived in Neosho Falls in May. Obtaining rooms for Mrs. Mentzer and the two small boys at the Falls House where they were to stay until a home was made for them on the homestead.

Mentzer and Allen then loaded up some supplies and lumber and headed for the new homestead that was all prairie grass except where West Owl Creek cut across the southwest corner of the quarter section. They built a small two-room cabin and some necessary fences and sheds.

Mentzer then went to Neosho Falls and brought his family to the new home. Allen, who was a single man, stayed with the Mentzers for awhile until he obtained the southeast quarter of Section 36-24-14.

George Allen married a school teacher from Toronto and moved onto his new farm (where Harley Mentzer lives).

The George Mentzer farm is still owned by descendants, known as the John Williams farm.

George Mentzer was a native of Stowe, Mass., where he was born June 12, 1838. His parents were Phillip and Orinda (Miles) Mentzer.

There were ten children in this family. Phillip Mentzer was a native of Germany.

When the Civil War broke out G. Mentzer enlisted as a member of Company C, 24th Massachusetts Infantry. We believe that George Allen was with him throughout the war.

He participated in several battles. In one battle he was one of nine soldiers of his company to survive. Mentzer was discharged at Petersburg, Virginia, after three years of service.

Following the war he returned to his native state and spent the succeeding winter at Boston. He made his way to Kewaunee, Illinois where he met and married a young lady who was clerking in a store.

George Mentzer and Emeline Minnick were married on January 1, 1867, at Kewaunee. His bride was a daughter of John Minnick, a Pennsylvania German. While named Emeline, she was known mostly as Emma. They were the parents of eight children; namely, Charles O., who married Nettie Wells and their children were Gladys (Mrs. Roy Green), twins Paul and Pauline (Mrs. Osmond Briles, Leslie, and Herbert.

John Fred, who married Anna Wells, their children were HaLeI (Mrs. Ed Herold), Cecil (Mrs. Emil Beine), Pearl (Mrs. A. Peterson), Marjorie (Mrs. Paul Weide), Fred, Harley, Mildred (Mrs. John VanValkenburg), Aleta (Mrs. Wendell Tolle).

Susie May, who married Ed Tunnicliff. They had no children.

Henry A., who married May Litton. They had a daughter, Dixie. A son died in infancy.

Phillip E., who married Anna Sheflin. They had three sons, Howard, Lauren and Ivan.

Ernest E., who married Edith Dummond. They had eleven children : George Edward, Talmadge "Tye", Fleta (Mrs. Leon Vanvalkenburg), Austin, M. Burdette, Keith, Juanita (Mrs. Charles Baldwin), Norryce, Lovell, who was killed in action in World War II, and Donald. A son Laddie died at the age of six months.

Clara E., who married John W. Williams. They had twelve children: Glenn M., Goldie M. (Mrs. Ted Brodman), Edith E. (Mrs. Lester Harding), John Harold, Leo L., Freddie Lloyd, Helen D. (Mrs. Orval Smith), George Wesley, Clifford W., Letha M., Doris Ann (Claxton), and Verna L. (Mrs. LeRoy Faherty). Clarence A., who married Grace Graham, had no children.

In the first years of their life here along the branch of Owl Creek Indians would camp along the creek as they would travel from the reservation to the Indian Territory to the south. They were friendly Indians, but inveterate beggars. George Mentzer smoked a pipe. These Indians would often beg tobacco from him. On one occasion Mentzer found a couple of Indians digging in the bank along west Owl Creek. They were digging out a skunk. He asked them what they were going to do with it. They replied, "Eat 'eml Heaps of good eats in 'em."

Some of the Indians would come to the Mentzer house and bargain for eggs. They seemed to delight in scaring the two little boys, Charley and Fred.

George Mentzer had one of the first telephones in the county. He and C. B. Goodale, who lived about two miles to the north, each got telephones and fixed a line between them so they could talk.

Early on a Sunday morning in December, 1887, the George Mentzer family was getting ready to go to Sunday school at the Methodist Church in Yates Center. The Mentzer home was three miles west and about a mile and three-quarters north of Yates Center.

In the midst of their getting ready a man came to the door. He explained that he was taking a census of some kind although Mentzer observed that the man was carrying a gun. Mr. Mentzer had sold some hogs the day before and his first thought was that the man had followed him from Yates Center. Then he remembered that a man accused of stealing cattle had escaped the law and was in the hills of Belmont township. With this suspicion, Mentzer sent word of the man evidently as the rest of the family went to church in Yates Center.

The story of the cattle theft went back to the week before this, when a man by the name of Charley Mills, who worked for a Mr. Hobson of Belmont township, had been arrested on the preceding Thursday for stealing three head of cattle. The cattle belonged to a Mr. Haywood of Allen County, who was pasturing them in the Hobson pasture. This farm was where a large stone house stood for many years and was known as the Adamson farm, a short distance east from Big Sandy Creek.

Mills had stolen the cattle and sold them to a butcher in Yates Center. He then stole three head of cattle from a neighbor and turned them into the pasture with the rest of the Hayward cattle. The evidence brought against him was almost certain but when he was

brought before the justice, he asked for a continuence till the following Friday morning to obtain witnesses. During Thursday night he escaped from Constable Metz, who was guarding him. Friday morning Metz went down to Belmont township and caught sight of the man in the hills and brush and fired two or three shots at him, but Mills got away from him. On Saturday morning Metz and Constable Throughman of Belmont found and arrested their man early in the morning. They all went to Throughman's for breakfast and while Throughman was taking care of the horses the prisoner got hold of gun, knocked Metz down and again escaped.

Word was spread throughout Belmont and to Yates Center. A sheriffs posse was organized. The hills and woods throughout Belmont township was guarded and searched all day long but no prisoner was located. Seems like the only "game" the posse saw was numerous deer. One man reported seeing 17 deer in one bunch.

Somehow Mills eluded the posse and got out of the hills and to the Ed Currie home where he was permitted to stay all night and on Sunday morning walked to the George Mentzer home on West Owl Creek. The man wanted to engage board and lodging for two or three days at the Mentzer home.

When Mentzer sent word to town about the man whom he suspected as the missing prisoner, two Yates Center fellows, Joe Allen and Will Pruitt, who evidently thought they would get some glory and perhaps some reward, took it into their heads to go out and capture the prisoner.

It was mealtime and the Mentzer family, including Mr. and Mrs. Mentzer, the six sons and two daughters, and the stranger were at the table when Allen and Pruitt first came to a window and then to the door. They came in, got the drop on the stranger, then asked Mrs. Mentzer and two daughters to go into the other room. Mrs. Clara

(Mentzer) Williams, who still owns the Mentzer homestead recalls that although she was only 5 years old at the time, and she was very much frightened when the men asked them to go into the other room.

The two young men were having some difficulty until Abe Smith, a nearby neighbor and early day sheriff of Woodson County arrived and helped them. Smith was not sheriff at this time. The prisoner had gotten on his knees in a pleading position and was creeping closer to one of the boys before Mr. Mentzer stopped him.

The prisoner, Charley Mills, waived examination and on Monday was taken to jail at Eureka. He was an old offender and a dangerous man. A short time later he escaped from the jail at Eureka and that's the last trace of him that we found.

Even though these biographies may not be totally accurate, they provide lots of details about the life of George Mentzer, his siblings and his family.

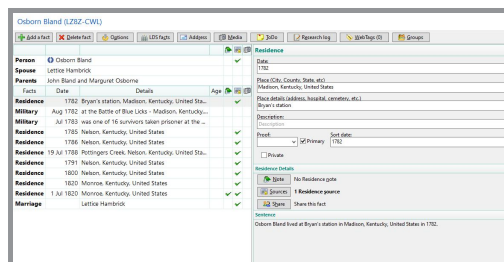
# Troubleshooting

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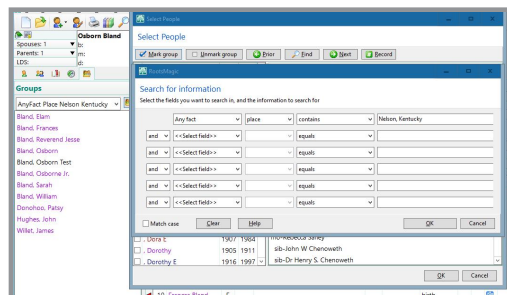
Do you ever try to perform a task in a piece of software and just can't get it to work like you think it should? That's my situation.

I'm trying to create a 'Who Was There' report in RootsMagic for everyone who was living in Garrard, Madison or Lincoln counties, Kentucky prior to 1800. I thought I had this all figured out but no matter how I modify the settings, there is one individual who should be on the report who is NOT: Osborn Bland

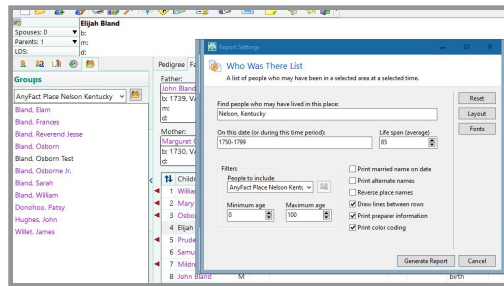
To try and figure out what I was doing wrong, I checked to make sure Osborn Bland had a fact placing him in one of those counties. I verified that he had a residence fact for 1782 with a place of Madison, Kentucky, United States. I also verified that the fact was not marked 'Private'.



Knowing that Osborn Bland had facts placing him in Nelson County, Kentucky, I tried a different approach to see if I could get him on a 'Who Was There' report. I created a marked group for people who have any fact place containing 'Nelson, Kentucky'



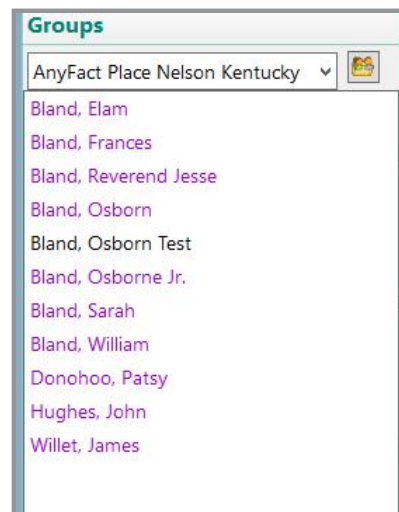
Osborn Bland appears in this group. Thus, I know that the program is picking up the place 'Nelson, Kentucky'. So, I tried a 'Who Was There' report for Nelson, Kentucky using my 'AnyFact Place Nelson Kentucky' marked group.



Again, Osborn Bland should be on the report but is found missing – AGAIN. (Note, his son, Osborn Bland Jr is on the report and in the Marked Group.)

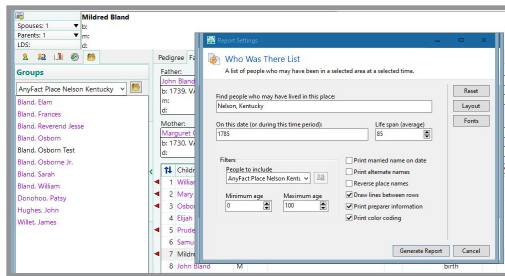
Who Was There (Nelson, Kentucky, 1750-1799)					27 May 2021
Name	Born	Died	Age	Place	
Bland, Elam-34428	abt 1776	abt 1850	0	Death: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1850)	
Bland, Reverend	1778	14 Feb 1843	0	Birth: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1778)	
Bland, Osborn-9048	abt 1774	5 Feb 1849	0	Tax: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1800)	
				Marriage: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1799)	
Bland, Sarah-9047	abt 1772		0	Marriage: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1799)	
Bland, William-9053	abt 1766	2 Jul 1857	0	Birth: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1786)	
Willet, James-9052	1768	1851	0	Marriage: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1799)	

Thinking that there is an issue with Osborn Bland, I created another person and named him Osborn Test Bland. I created facts for this test subject. These facts place him in Madison, Nelson and Monroe counties, Kentucky. I edited the Marked Group for Nelson County to make sure he would be found for the group. His inclusion in the marked group can be seen in the following image and in the above images for attempting the WhoWasThere report.



Strangely, this newly created individual is also missing from the Who Was There report as evidenced in the images above.

So, I tried a 'Who Was There' report for Nelson, Kentucky and set the date to 1785.



Who Was There (Nelson, Kentucky, 1785)						27 May 2021
Name	Born	Died	Age	Place		
Bland, Ehm-14428	abt 1776	abt 1850	9	Death: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1850)		
Bland, Reverend Jesse-14426	1778	14 Feb 1843	7	Birth: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1778)		
Bland, Osborne Jr.-9048	abt 1774	5 Feb 1849	11	Tan: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1800)		
				Marriage: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1799)		
Bland, Sarah-9047	abt 1772		13	Marriage: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1790)		
Willet, James-9052	1768	1851	17	Marriage: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1790)		

Again, no Osborn Bland nor an Osborn Test Bland. As I was creating the above report, I wondered if the age range of 0 to 100 was affecting my results. Thus, I modified Osborn Test Bland to add an approximate birth date of 1750 and an approximate death date of 1830. This time, Osborn Test Bland appeared on my report.

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Bland, Osborn Test-18912	abt 1750	abt 1830	35	Residence: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1785)		
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				Marriage: Nelson, Kentucky, United States (1799)		
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I couldn't figure out how to create this report without the age range criteria. Thus, it will not pull up individuals who do not have a birth and a death date. By adding the approximate birth and death dates, then the individual is pulled for the report. This explains why I could get them on a marked group list but not on the report.

I posted this issue to the Facebook RootsMagic group and want to thank everyone who commented on my post with suggestions on how to get this report to pull Osborn Bland.

# GAR Monument

Friday, May 28, 2021

Most of us have heard of Gettysburg National Military Park. Spread throughout this park are monuments honoring the soldiers who fought there. But, have you heard of the Union Soldiers and Sailors National Park?

Don't feel bad because I hadn't either. That was until I studied a document I have for George Mentzer.



May future generations never forget the debt of gratitude they owe to the Brave Boys in Blue who on land and sea volunteered their services during that memorable struggle for the preservation of our Union, and may our motto always be

"Liberty and Union, Now and Forever,

One and Inseperable"

To all whom it may concern

Know ye that

George Mentzer

was enrolled, in a private of Company C

24th Regt. Massachusetts Vol. Infantry on the 26th day of Sept. 1861 and was

Honorably Discharged

September 30th A.D. 1864

His complete Record of Service and a copy of his discharge can be found in Carnahan's



Manual of the Civil war

a companion to this Souvenir

This design for a National Monument was Dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic and Kindred Societies by

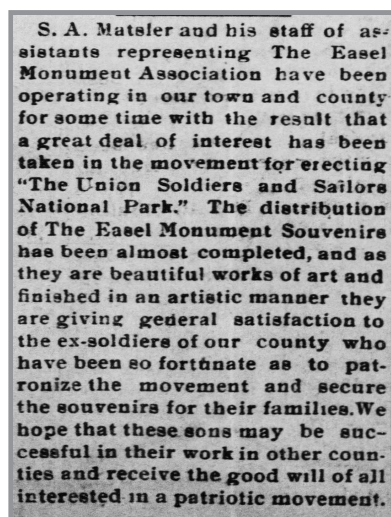
The Easel Monument Association

and by them will be erected in the center of the Union Soldiers and Sailors National Park when the location of said park shall have been determined by the sale of this Souvenir

Underneath the Souvenir is the following information:

This is to certify that George Mentzer is a contributor to the Easel Monument Project and that his name counts and votes in favor of the State of Kansas in the contest for the location of the Union Soldiers and Sailors National Park. This souvenir was presented by him to his wife Emeline Aug 13 1898.

An article on the front page of the 8 Sep 1898 issue of The Columbus Advocate (Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas) discusses the sale of these souvenirs in Kansas.



S. A. Matsler and his staff of assistants representing The Easel Monument Association have been operating in our town and county for some time with the result that a great deal of interest has been taken in the movement for erecting "The Union Soldiers and Sailors National Park." The distribution of The Easel Monument Souvenirs has been almost completed, and as they are beautiful works of art and finished in an artistic manner they are giving general satisfaction to the ex-soldiers of our county who have been so fortunate as to patronize the movement and secure the souvenirs for their families. We hope that these sons may be successful in their work in other counties and receive the good will of all interested in a patriotic movement.

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According to the souvenir, information about George Mentzer's discharge is supposed to be in the book **Manual of the Civil War**. Full text versions of this book are available on Archive.org and on Google Books. However, a search of this book does not contain any



MENTZER information.

The website, [The Easel Monument: A Relic from the Civil War](#), discusses the souvenirs and the proposed monument and park. The website, [Vermont in the Civil War](#), contains an extract from the book which gives a detailed description of the monument. In modern day terms, the proposed monument proved to be a scam and the park was never built.

# Call to Add GPS

Saturday, May 29, 2021

#52Ancestors

Have you visited cemeteries in search of a grave? Did a family member help you find the gravesite?

Each memorial day, my mom would load us kids up in the car along with cut flowers from the garden to meet my grandparents at the cemetery to decorate graves. Thus, I grew up knowing where the Crawford family plot was in the Dodge City cemetery.

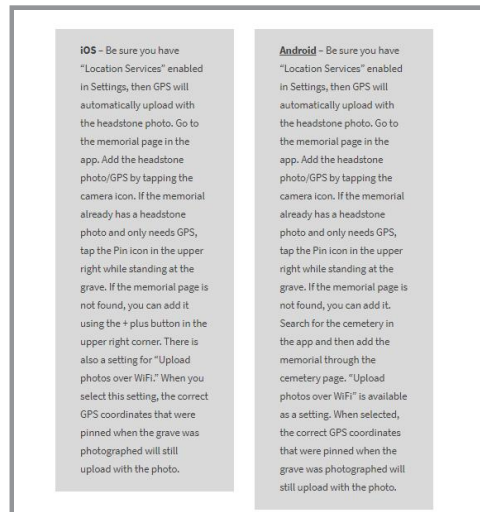
However, I did not remember where all of the other family graves were, including my great grandfather and 2nd great grandparents. I learned where those gravesites were when my grandmother took me on a 'family plot' tour of the cemetery. Thanks to her guidance, I can walk to most of those family plots.

When I've gone to other cemeteries looking for graves, I've sometimes walked the entire cemetery before locating the stone. In larger cemeteries, I've been able to visit the office and get a general location for the stone. Even when armed with that information, I've haven't been able to walk right up to the stone.

That's where GPS technology can be very helpful. While on a Memorial Day cemetery visit to locate graves of collateral relatives in Kansas city, I was very thankful for that technology. We were looking for a grave in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Kansas City, Kansas and the office was overwhelmed. Thus, I was pleasantly surprised to discover the entire cemetery on BillionGraves. Using the BillionGraves app, we were able to drive to the section and then I was able to walk to the grave.

I had a similar experience while visiting the Olathe Memorial Cemetery in Olathe, Kansas. I can generally locate the stone of my great grandmother, Winnie Currey (Curry) who is buried there. During a visit to the cemetery a couple of years ago, we discovered that they had GPSed the entire cemetery and made it searchable on their website.

Since Find a Grave is the go-to source for many people looking for burial information, I was curious about the ability to add GPS coordinates to a record on Find a Grave. If using a GPS enabled device such as a smart phone, then adding those coordinates appears to be fairly simple. Pictured below are the directions from the Find a Grave site.



Curious as to what that looks like on the app, I checked the Find a Grave record for a collateral relative who is buried in the Dodge City cemetery. His record already has a tombstone picture. Thus, I can't take a photo and quickly add it to the record. However, while using the app (and not the web site), there is a handy little button to Add GPS.



So, my plans for this memorial day weekend is to work on getting this GPS data out there by making sure a photo has been uploaded to BillionGraves and either adding a photo or adding the GPS coordinates to Find a Grave. Won't you join me in this endeavor?

# Number Forty-Two

Sunday, May 30, 2021

#SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans: It's Saturday Night again –  
Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!



Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):

- 1) Have you identified #42 on your ahnentafel list? If not, how about #21 the mother of #42? If not, how about #10 on your ahnentafel list? Do you even have an ahnentafel list?
- 2) Anyway, tell us about your #42 ancestor (or #21, or #10, etc.) – full name, parents, spouse, children, birth, baptism, death, marriage, burial, etc.

So, who is #42 on my Ahnentafel? It is Henry F. Burke, father of Angelina Jane Burke Currey.

A search of this blog reveals three posts related to Henry F. Burke.

- Shaky Leaf Bonanza
- Will the Estate Ever Be Settled?
- A Random Clue

## Ahnentafel #42

**Henry F. Burke** was born on 30 Apr 1811. 1– 3

He was the child of John Burke and Elizabeth Graves.

He married Elizabeth Ann Bland on 22 Oct 1835 in Monroe, Kentucky, United States. 4– 6

On 30 Oct 1836, Angelina Jane Burke was born in Kentucky, United States.

On 2 Feb 1838, Milton E. Burke was born in Tennessee, United States.

He was listed on the tax rolls in 1839 in Platte City, Platte, Missouri, United States. 7– 8

On 25 Jul 1839, Sarah E. Burke was born in Missouri, United States.

Henry S Burke was listed on the 1840 census. Included in his household were 1 white male under 5, 1 white male 20-29, 2 white females under 5, 1 white female 20-29, 1 male slave under 10, 1 female slave under 10, 9– 10

On 15 Jul 1841, Pamilla A. Burke was born in Missouri, United States.

Henry purchased land being the NE 1/4 of section 27 Township 54 North of Range 36 West on 21 Aug 1843 in Platte City, Platte, Missouri, United States. 11

On 30 Apr 1844, John Martin Burke was born in Missouri, United States.

He sold land being the North East 1/4 of Section 27 in Township 54 of Range 36 on 5 Mar 1845 in Platte, Missouri, United States. 12

He died on 30 Oct 1845 at the age of 34 in Weston, Platte, Missouri, United States. 3, 13– 14

Henry was buried after 30 Oct 1845 at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Weston, Platte, Missouri, United States. 2– 3, 13

He had his estate on the probate court docket on 2 Mar 1846 in Platte, Missouri, United States. 15

He received a preemption certificate having made full payment for the NE 1/4 of section 27 township 54 of range 36 on 1 Apr 1846 in Plattsburg, Clinton, Missouri, United States. 16– 17

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Henry had his estate on the probate court docket on 5 Aug 1846 in Platte, Missouri, United States. 18

He had his estate on the probate court docket on 7 Sep 1846 in Platte, Missouri, United States. 18

He had his estate on the probate court docket on 2 Feb 1847 in Platte, Missouri, United States. 18

## ENDNOTES:

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# Grand Army Members

Monday, May 31, 2021

As we celebrate Memorial Day by honoring those who died while serving in the U.S. military, I would like to take today to honor my ancestors who served for the Union during the civil war.

Washington Marion Crawford

- Sergeant in Company H of the 2nd Regiment New York Cavalry Volunteers
- Enlisted 3 Aug 1861
- Captured 22 Sept 1863 at Liberty Mills
- Imprisoned at Belle Isle until March 1864
- Imprisoned at Andersonville May 1864 to Nov 1864
- Imprisoned at Charleston, South Carolina Nov 1864
- Paroled 7 Dec 1864
- Mustered out 8 Apr 1865

Richmond Fisk Hammond

- Company E 17 Illinois Volunteers
- enlisted 25 May 1861 as a private
- honorably discharged 21 Aug 1861 in Missouri
- 1st Illinois Cavalry Volunteers
- Enlisted 1 March 1862
- Discharged from 1st Illinois Cavalry Volunteers
- Company H of the 102nd Infantry
- Enlisted 26 Jul 1862
- Deserted 2 Sep 1862
- Company D of the 14 Illinois Cavalry
- Enlisted as a private 29 Sep 1862
- Appointed Sergeant 1 Mar 1863
- Captured near Atlanta 3 Aug 1864
- Imprisoned at Andersonville
- Imprisoned at Charleston, South Carolina
- Paroled May 1865
- Mustered out 12 May 1865

Hiram M. Currey

- Company B of the 12th Regiment Kansas State Militia
- Mustered in 8 Oct 1864
- Discharged 27 Oct 1864

Albert Hutchinson

- Company D of the 1st Regiment of the Iowa Cavalry Volunteers
- Enlisted 30 Sept 1862
- Mustered out 31 Dec 1863
- Reenlisted 1 Jan 1864
- Mustered in as a private
- Discharged 15 Feb 1866 in Austin Texas

Noah Washington Briles



- Company I of the 1st Regiment, Iowa Cavalry Volunteers
- Enlisted 13 Jun 1861
- Reenlisted 1 Jan 1864
- Mustered out 16 Feb 1866 in Austin, Texas

Alexander Briles

- Company I of the Kansas State Militia
- under captain John Douglas
- served 1864

James Marshall Ricketts

- Private in Company K 7th Regiment Indiana Cavalry Volunteers
- enlisted 18 Aug 1863
- Mustered in 17 Sep 1863
- Reported absent Nov 1863
- Discharged 19 Sep 1865 in Hempstead, Texas

George Mentzer

- Company C 24th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers
- Enlisted 15 Sep 1861
- Mustered in 25 Sep 1861
- aboard bote "Vidette" contracting measles
- Discharged 15 Sep 1864 in Petersburg, Virginia

As I compiled this information, I realized that two of my ancestors, Albert Hutchinson from my father's side of the tree and Noah Briles from my mother's side of the tree, served in the same regiment.

# Measles

Tuesday, June 01, 2021

Did you have the measles as a child? Or, perhaps you've had the measles vaccine. In today's society, an adult catching the measles is rare. However, during the civil war, measles played a deadly role.

The article, The Impact of Disease on the Civil War, provides some statistics regarding the impact of this disease.

From the records during the Civil War, we know that two thirds of the soldiers died from infectious diseases. In the Union army over 67,000 men had measles and more than 4,000 died

Thus, finding that an ancestor had the measles should not be surprising. However, finding that the disease caused lifelong disabilities is somewhat surprising.

Declaration for Original Invalid Pension

State of Kansas

Woodson County

On the 2 day of June, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety personally appeared before me, clerk of the District Court, a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, George Mentzer aged 51 years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_, county of Woodson, State of Kansas, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical George Mentzer who was enrolled on the 15 day of Sept, 1861, in Company C of the 24 Mass Regiment of Vol Inft Commanded by Colonel Stephenson and was honorably discharged at Petersburg on the 15 day of Sept, 1864, that his personal description is as follows: Age, 51 years; height 5 feet 8 inches; complexion, light; hair, brown; eyes, Grey. That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in the line of his duty at Annapolis in the Sate of Maraland on or about the \_\_\_\_ day of November, 1861, he contracted measles and tool cold resulting in lung disease & kidney disease resulting heart decease and efecion of eyes.

That he was treated in hospitals as follows: did not go to any hospital but was treated on board of boat think the name was [Videtoe]

That he has not been employed inthe military or naval service otherwise that as stated above.

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in Northborough Mass, Kewanee Ills and in the State of Woodson Co Kas, and his occupation has been that of a farmer. That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound physical health being when enrolled aa Private. That he is now wholly disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor by reason of his injuries, above described, received in the service of the United States; and he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States.

He herby appoints with full power of substitution and revocation, Hugh Brady of Yates



We also remember that his eyes were weak and looked somewhat inflamed.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

For witnesses, neighbors, or fellow workers of soldier, (other than relatives) who have known him before his enlistment, or since he entered into his army.

State of Illinois, County of Henry, ss.

I, the master of the application for pension of George Mentzer, late  
Co. C 24<sup>th</sup> Regt Mass Vols.

ON THIS 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D. 1890, personally appeared before me:  
John P. Smith, aged 68 years, a resident of Kewanee, Illinois  
in the County of Henry and State of Illinois  
whose Post Office address is Kewanee, Ill.  
John P. Smith, aged 68 years, a resident of Kewanee, Illinois  
in the County of Henry and State of Illinois  
whose Post Office address is Kewanee, Illinois  
will know me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the above  
and more as follows: That Geo. have been well and personally acquainted with George Mentzer  
for five years, and years respectively, and that he has known him  
Kewanee, Ill. as a resident with him began in  
the year 1866 and continued till in 1871, when  
he left here for Kansas. He complained of having  
bad measles while on the army, and in consequence  
with him we became satisfied that he had some  
lung trouble. The kind and extent of which we  
cannot now remember fully. He was confident  
his lungs were affected.  
He also remembers that his eyes were weak, and  
looked somewhat inflamed.

In Nov 1890, the Bureau of Pensions sent a request for additional information:

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Pensions

Eastern Div

Knowles Ex'r

No. 78[Eal]70

Geo. Mentzer

Co. C 24 Mass Vols

Washington D.C., Nov. 29, 1890

It is alleged that George Mentzer enlisted Sept 15, 1861 and served as a \_\_\_\_\_ in Co. C, 24th Reg't Mass. Vols. and was discharged at Petersburg, Sept. 15, 1864.

It is also alleged that while in duty at Annapolis, Md. on or about Nov. 1861, he was disabled by measles, resulting in lung, kidney and heart diseases and affection of eyes and was treated in hospitals of which the names, locations, and dates of treatment as follows: on board boat 'Vidette'

In case of the above-named soldier the War Department is requested to furnish an official statement of the enrollment, discharge, and record of service so far as the same may be applicable to the foregoing allegation, together with full medical history. Please give the rank he held at the time he is claimed to have incurred the disability alleged, and if records show that he was not in line of duty during that period, let the fact be stated.

Very Respectfully,

[Green] G Raum  
Commissioner

The Officer in Charge of the Record and Pension Division, War Department

Write nothing above this line.

(18-600)

To: Eastern By: George Mentzer  
No. 780176  
A. G. 23 March 1890

Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,  
Washington, D. C., Nov 29, 1889

Re: It is alleged that George Mentzer was Sept 15, 1864  
and served as a Co. C, 25th Va. Mass. Vols.  
also as a Regt.

and was discharged at Petersburg Sept 15, 1864.

It is also alleged that while on duty at Annapolis, Md.  
on or about Nov., 1864, he was disabled by measles, resulting  
in lung, kidney and heart disease, and  
affection of eyes.

and was treated in hospitals of which the names, locations, and dates of treatment are as follows:  
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disability alleged, and if records show that he was not in line of duty during that period, let the fact be stated.  
Very respectfully,  
Geo B Raum  
Commissioner.

The Officer in Charge of the  
Record and Pension Division,  
War Department.

1890-1-18-2

In December of 1890, George Mentzer filed an additional statement regarding his military service.

Yates Center Dec 28 1890

[8 am Claim of Pension]

In reply to your call no 13 will pay 1st after my discharge at Petersburg, Va in the fall of 1864 I went to Boston Mass remained there the fall of 64 & 65 from there to Northborough Mass remained there the Spring of 66 moved to Kewanee Ills remained there for about five years removed from there to Kas Woodson County in 1871 and have lived hear ever since. I am board a boat think it was the [vinelette] going form Anaplas Maryland to Roanoak Island was taken with measles and the settled on my lungs and eyes. have had but little treatment from physicians only such as I have furnished. Have continually suffered with my disabilities

George Mentzer

After Center Dec 28-1890  
 Rem. born in London  
 On night of 19th Jan 1891  
 died of 1st after long illness  
 at Fitchburg, Mass. in the winter  
 1890. I went to Boston, Mass.  
 remained there till fall of 1890  
 from there to Fitchburg, Mass.  
 remained there till Spring of 91  
 moved to Kennett Hills,  
 remained there for about four years  
 removed from there to Fitchburg  
 remained there in 1891 and  
 have lived here since then,  
 & on board of boat which is  
 now the Vidette, going from  
 Fitchburg via Boston with  
 Mr. and Mrs. Little among  
 many and Mrs. Haverhill  
 with little children from  
 Fitchburg only such as I have  
 furnished. Boat containing  
 myself with my children

George Menden

According to the web site, Naval Illustrators, the boat mentioned in the above affidavits was likely the Vidette. The Vidette was an armed US troop transport that carried Companies A, C and F of the 24th Massachusetts Infantry. So far, I haven't been able to find a source to verify a measles outbreak aboard the Vidette. However, HathiTrust has the regimental history, The Twenty-Fourth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers 1861-1866 by Alfred S. Roe which does include information about the use of the Vidette by the regiment.

# Mentzer Railroad Deeds

Wednesday, June 02, 2021

An agreement to convey the northeast 1/4 of section 6 in Township 25 of Range 15 East from the Union Pacific Railway Company, Southern Branch to George Mentzer dated 16 May 1870 was recorded in Miscellaneous Book A in Woodson County, Kansas.

Woodson County Kansas  
Deed Miscellaneous Book A page 108

Land Department of the Union Pacific Railway Company South Branch  
No 1621

This agreement made the sixteenth day of May in the year 1870 between the Union Pacific Railway Company Southern Branch of first part and George A Mentzer of Kewanee of the state of Illinois of the second part.

Witnesseth that in consideration of the stipulations herein after contained and the payment to be made as herein after specified the first party hereby agrees to remise release and convey onto the party of the second part all their right, title and interest (derived from the United States or any other source in and to the following piece or parcel of land viz: the north east quarter of section No Six (6) in township No Twenty five (25) S of Range NO fifteen (15) east of the sixth principal meridian containing according to the United States survey one hundred and sixty four 15/100 (164 15/100) acres be the same more or less for the sum of seven hundred and thirty eight 67/100 \$738 67/100 dollars, with interest annually at the rate of ten percent. Payment has been made and received of the seventy three and 86/100 dollars and the remaining principal with annual accruing interest shall be paid at the general land office of the first part in ten annual payment at this time and in this manner following that is to say

1st installment 16 May 1876 interest \$66.48 amt \$66.48

2nd do 16 — 1872 Principal \$738.6

Interest 66.48 amt \$14.34

Inst Paid for 18.74 \$66.48/100 AMS

3d Installment 16 1873 Principal \$73.86 interest \$59.60 Amt 132.45

4th installment 16 May 1874 principal 73.86 interest \$51.72 amt \$125.51

5th do 16 " 1875 " 73.86 " \$44.34 " 118.20

6th do 16 " 1876 " 73.86 " \$36.96 " 160.8

7th do 16 " 1877 " 73.86 " \$29.58 " \$103.44

8th do 16 " 1878 " 73.86 " \$22.20 " 96.06

9th do 16" 1879 " 73.86 " \$14.82 " 88.65

10th do 16 " 1880 " 73.86 " 7.44 " 81.35

And the second party in consideration of the premises hereby agree that he or his legal representatives or assigns will improve by tilling or some other mode of good husbandry to the amount of two tenths in three years the premises entrusted in this contract and will make punctual payment of the above sums as each of the same aspectionly becomes due and that he will regularly and reasonably pay all such taxes and assessments hereafter be lawfully imposed on said premises and it is further agreed that when my part of these premises shall adjoin the right of way of this company or any of its branches the party of the second part his legal representatives and assigns shall erect, as some as the road is open along or through the same and maintain a good and substantial fence sufficient to turn stock and this agreement shall be one of the covenants in the deed to be

made and to run with the land.

In case the said second party, his legal representatives or assignees shall pay the several sums of money punctually and at the times above limited and shall strictly and literally perform all and singular his agreements and stipulations aforesaid after their [? Tenor] and intent then the first party will cause to be made and executed unto the said second party his heirs or assigns upon request at the General Land Office of the Company and the surrender of this contract a conveyance of said estate as above set for the reserving however a strip of land one hundred feet wide for right of way or other railroad purposes when the railroad of the party of the first part or any of its branches is or shall be located upon the premises and it is hereby agreed and covenanted by the parties here to that time and punctuality or material and essential ingredients in this contract. And in case the said second party shall fail to make the payments aforesaid and each of them punctually and upon this strict terms and times above [limited] and likewise to perform and complete all and each of his agreements and stipulations aforesaid strictly and literally without any failure or defaults thence this contract so far as it may find said first party, shall become utterly null and void and this whole amount of principal mentioned herein remaining unpaid shall in[secure directly] become due or payable and all rights and interests hereby created or then existing in favor of the second part or derived from him shall utterly cease and determine and this right of possession and all equitable and legal interests in the premises hereby contracted shall revert to and revest in said first party without [any] declarations or forfeiture or act of reentry or any other act of said first party to be performed and without any right of second party of reclamations or compensations for moneys said or improvements made as absolutely full and property as if this contract had never been made and said party of the first part shall have the right immediately upon the failure of the party of second part to comply with the stipulation of this contract to enter upon the law aforesaid and take immediate possessions thereof together with the improvements or appurtenances thereto belonging and the said party of the second covenants and agrees, that he will surrender unto the said party of the first part the said land and appurtenances without delay hindrance and no court shall relieve this party of the second part from a failure to comply strictly and literally with this contract it is further stipulated that no assignment of the premises shall be valid unless the same be endorsed hereon and that no agreement or condition or relations between the second party and his assigns other person acquiring title or interest from or through him shall preclude the first party from this right to convey said premises to the second party of his assigns on the surrender of this agreement and the payment of the unpaid portion of this purchase money which be due to the first party.

In witness of which, the Union Pacific Railway Company South Branch has caused these presents in duplicate to be signed by the commissioner and the secretary of the land department under the seal of said company and the second party has hereunto set his signature on this day and year first above written.

Isaac T Goodwin Commissioner

George Mentzer Purchaser

Jno R Wheat, Secretary

Received Neosho Falls May 16 1871 of George Mentzer the sum of Sixty Six and 48 /100 dollars. Amount of first installments on the written contract.

A M Sommers Secy

Woodson County, Kansas, Deeds, Misc Book A page 108, Contract Union Pacific Railway Company to George Mentzer, 16 May 1870; Recorder of Deeds, Yates Center, Kansas.





acknowledged and the further consideration that when any part of these premises now adjoin the right of way of said Missouri Kansas & Texas Railway Company or any of its branches the party of the second part his legal representation and assigns shall erect and maintain a good and substantial fence along such right of way sufficient to turn stock has remitted released and conveyed until the party of the second part all its right title and interest of in and to the following described land to wit:

The north east quarter of section no Six in township no Twenty five (25) South of Range no Fifteen (15) of the sixth principal meridian in Woodson County, State of Kansas containing according to the United States Survey one hundred sixty four and 15/100 acres more or less. The above named sum of five hundred and seventy four & 53/100 dollars is the full amount of consideration received by said company in payment for the above described lands reserving however a strip of land one hundred feet wide for right of way or other railroad of the said Missouri Kansas Texas Railway Company have been located upon the premises. To have and to hold the same unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever and the said Missouri Kansas & Texas Railway Company hereby covenants with the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns that it will and its successors shall warrant and defend the same to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns against the lawful demands of all persons And the said Russell Sage and N A Cowdrey trustees as aforesaid and the Union Trust Company of New York, also trustees as aforesaid do by these presents and in consideration of the payment aforesaid release to the said party of the second part all their right title interest property possession claim demand and estate of the said trustees by virtue of said mortgages or trust deed in and to the above grantee premises in accordance with the terms and conditions of said mortgages or trust deeds. In witness whereof the said Missouri Kansas & Texas Railway Company and the Union Trust Company of New York have caused these presents to be signed by their respective President & P T and attested by their respective secretaries with seals of the respective corporations attached and the said Russel Sage and N A Cowdrey trustees have her unto set their hands and seals this 11 day of August AD one thousand eight hundred and eight one

George I Forrest

President pt of the Missouri Kansas Texas Railway Company

Edward King

President of the Union Trust Company of New York

Attest

H C Hansen

Secretary of the Missouri Kansas and Texas Railway Company

A B Ronaldson

Russel Sage

N A Cowdrey

LS / Trustees L S

Secretary of the Union Trust Company of New York

State of New York

Cit and County of New York

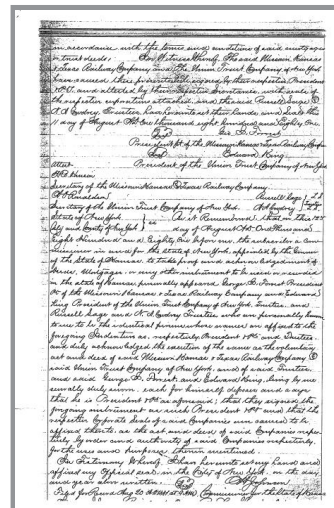
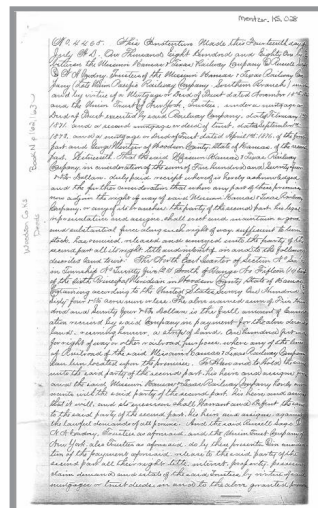
Be it remembered that on this 12th day of August AD one thousand eight hundred and eighty one before me the subscriber a commissioner in and for the state of New York appointed by the governor of the state of Kansas to take proof and acknowledgment of deeds, mortgages or any other instrument to be used or recorded in the state of Kansas personally appeared George I Forest president pt of the Missouri Kansas & Texas Company and Edward King President of the Union Trust Company of New York, trustees and Russel Sage and N H Cowdrey trustees who are personally known to me to be the

identical persons whose names are affixed to the foregoing indenture as respectively president & pt and Trustee and duly acknowledged the execution of teh same as the voluntary act and deed of said Missouri Kansas & Texas Railway Company and said Union Trust Company of New York and of said Trustees and said George I Forrest and Edward King being by me severally duly sworn each for himself deposes and says that he is President &pt as aforesaid; that they signed the foregoing instrument as such President &pt and that the respective corporate seals of said companies were caused to be affixed there to as the act and deed of said companies respectively by order and authority of said companies respectively for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the City of New York on the day and year above written

W Johnson

File for Record Aug 20 AD 1881 at 9 am Commissioner for the State of Kansas  
Isaac S Jones Register of Deed by Chas S Jones Deputy

Woodson County, Kansas, Deeds, Book N page 162-163, Missouri Kansas & Texas Railway Company to George Mentzer, 14 July 1881; Recorder of Deeds, Yates Center, Kansas.



# Throwback Thursday

Thursday, June 03, 2021

Aunt Letha







# Incorrect Dates

Friday, June 04, 2021

Do you have conflicting dates for an event such as a birth, marriage or death? I realize that the incidence of conflicting dates is not uncommon. Most of the time when I find multiple dates, I can locate multiple sources in support of one date and very few sources for the other date(s).

However, that is not the case for the marriage date of George Mentzer and Emeline Minnick. I have multiple sources say they were married 1 Jan 1867 and then many other sources with a marriage date of 1 Jan 1868. Looking at the sources, it appears that I can basically group those sources into two groups: his and hers.

## He Said

The biography of George Mentzer published in the History of Woodson and Allen Counties, Kansas indicates that George and Emeline were married 1 Jan 1867. (See Mentzer Hints post)

In Henry county, Illinois, Mr. Mentzer was united in marriage to Miss Emeline Minnick, a daughter of John Minnick, a Pennsylvania German, who had a family of five daughters and one son. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mentzer was celebrated on the **1st of January, 1867**,

The Mentzer biography found in the Woodson County (KS) Historical Society publication, In the Beginning from July 1970 also has a marriage date of 1 Jan 1867. (See Mentzer Hints post)

George Mentzer and Emeline Minnick were married on **January 1, 1867**, at Kewaunee. His bride was a daughter of John Minnick, a Pennsylvania German.

George's obituary is consistent with the biographies in that it gives the marriage date of Jan. 1, 1867.

Friday, Jan. 26, 1912

Obituary

Mentzer

George Mentzer was born in Stowe, Mass., June 12, 1838, and died at his home near Yates Center, Woodson Co., Kansas, on Jan. 19, 1912, of paralysis, aged 73 years, 7 months and 7 days.

He enlisted in Co. C 24th Massachusetts regiment on Sept. 25, 1861, and served three years, until discharged on Sept. 28, 1864.

After the Civil War he moved to Kewanee, Ill, **where he was married to Emeline Minnick, Jan. 1, 1867**. To this union were born eight children, one, Susie May Tunnicliff, preceded him to the better land on Jan., 8, 1909, besides his wife he leaves to mourn his loss, Mrs. Clara E. William; Charles O., Fred J., Henry A., Phillip E., Ernest E., and Clarence A. Mentzer, and 22 grandchildren.

Mr. Mentzer joined the Methodist Episcopal church in 1866 at Kewanee, Ill.

In 1871 he moved to Kansas, settling on the farm where he died.

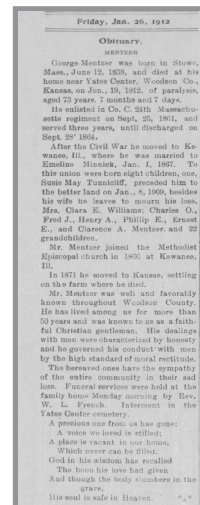
Mr. Mentzer was well and favorably known throughout Woodson County. He has lived among us for more than 50 years and was known to us as a faithful Christian gentleman.

His dealings with men were characterized by honesty and he governed his conduct with men by the high standard of moral rectitude.

The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss. Funeral services were held at the family home Monday morning by Rev. W. L. French. Interment in the Yates Center Cemetery.

A precious one from us has gone;  
A voice we loved is stilled;  
A place is vacant in our home,  
Which never can be filled.  
God in his wisdom has recalled  
The boon his love had given  
And though the body slumbers in the grave,  
His soul is safe in Heaven.

"Obituary – Mentzer," The Yates Center News (Yates Center, Kansas), 26 January 1912, image 4; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online August 2018).



## He Said

The first hint of a different marriage date was found in George Mentzer's military pension file. In a Bureau of Pensions Document dated 2 Jun 1890, the marriage date is given as 1 Jan 1868. This document was signed by George Mentzer and dated 4 May 1898.

1898 May 4

Bureau of Pension – Act June 27 1890

Certificate No. 598867

Name Geo Mentzer

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Pensions

Washington, D.C. January 15, 1898

Sir:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated

below.  
Very Respectfully  
M Clay Evans

First: are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer: yes Emmeline Mentzer, Emmeline Minnick

Second: When, where and by whom were you married:

Answer: Jan 1, 1868, Kewanee, Ill, Rev. Aplebee

Third: What record of marriage exists?

Answer: marriage certificate, family record

Fourth: Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce

Answer: No

Fifth: Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. Yes. Charles Oliver, July 1, '69, John Fredric Mar 3 '71, Susan May, Feb 28th '73, Henry moid Dec 31 '75, Philip Embry Feb 22 '77, Ernest, May 10, '88, Clara, Sept 20 '82, Clarence Albert, April 7th, 1886

Signed: George Mentzer  
Date of Reply, May 4, 1898

George Mentzer (Company C, 24th Regiment Massachus Infantry), pension no. WC 741.913, Case Files of Approved Pension Applications, 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

ACT JUNE 27 1890  
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Certificate No. 691867  
Name, Geo. Mentzer Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,  
Washington, D. C., January 15, 1898.

Sir:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,  
M. Clay Evans  
Commissioner

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.  
Answer. Yes. Emmeline Mentzer, Kewanee, Minnick

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?  
Answer. Jan 1, 1868, Kewanee, Ill, Rev. Aplebee

Third. What record of marriage exists?  
Answer. Marriage certificate, Family record

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.  
Answer. No.

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.  
Answer. Yes. Charles Oliver, July 1, '69, John Fredric Mar 3 '71, Susan May, Feb 28th '73, Henry moid Dec 31 '75, Philip Embry Feb 22 '77, Ernest, May 10, '88, Clara, Sept 20 '82, Clarence Albert, April 7th, 1886

Date of reply, May 4, 1898.

## She Said

And then we get to documents related to his wife, Emeline. In her 'Declaration of a Widow for Original Pension' she gives the date of their marriage as 1 Jan 1868.

Declaration of a Widow for Original Pension

State of Kansas

County of Woodson

On this 13 day of Feb., A.D. one thousand and twelve personally appeared before me, a county clerk within and for the county and State aforesaid, Emeline Mentzer, aged 63



years, a resident of Center twp., County of Woodson, State of Kansas, who being duly sworn according to law, make the following declaration in order to obtain pension under the acts of Congress granting pension to the widows of soldiers and sailors who have died by reason of wound or injury received, or disease contracted, in the service of the United States and in the line of duty.

That she is the widow of George Mentzer, who was enlisted under the name of George Mentzer at Northboro on the 25 day of September, 1861 as a Private in Co. C, 24 Mass. Vol. Inf. and was discharged on the 25 day of Sept. 1864, and who died at Yates Center on the 19 day of Jan, 1912 of Paralysis, due to \_ incurred in the above-named service. That the said soldier was in the military or naval service of the United States except as state above.

That the said soldier was born June 12, 1838 at Stow, Mass. that his personal description at enlistment was as follows: height, ; complexion, ; color of eyes, ; color of hair, ; permanent marks or scars, ; that his occupation was

That she was married under the name of **Emeline Minnich to said soldier at Kewanee, Ill on the 1 day of Jan. 1868** by Rev. Applebee; that there was no legal barrier to the marriage; that she had not been previously married; that the soldier had not been previously married.

That she was never divorced from said soldier, and that she has not remarried since his death.

That said soldier left the following-named children under 16 years of age at the date of his death, to -wit:

(none listed)

That she has not heretofore applied for pension, none

That her post-office address is Yates Center, County of Woodson, State of Kansas

Signed: Emeline Mentzer

Attest: Cecil Clare Turner

Bert Mentzer

George Mentzer (Company C, 24th Regiment Massachusets Infantry), pension no. WC 741.913, Case Files of Approved Pension Applications, 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

An obituary clipping for Emaline Minnick Mentzer gives the marriage date as New Year's

day, 1868. This clipping was saved by her granddaughter, Pauline Mentzer Briles.

Died

Mentzer

Emeline Minnick was born near Pittsburg, Pa. Aug. 26, 1848 at which place she spent her childhood in the home of her parents, John and Mary Minnick. At the age of 12 years her parents with their five daughters and one son, moved to Kewanee, Ill. where she attended the public schools and grew to young womanhood.

On **New Year's Day, 1868, she was united in marriage to George Mentzer**, living in Kewanee until the pioneer spirit brought them to the state of Kansas where they located on the old Mentzer homestead in West Center township in May 1872. On this place she resided until Feb. 1914 when she moved to Yates Center where she died Tuesday evening, Sept. 13, 1927, at the age of 79 years and 17 days.

To this union 8 children were born and grew to manhood and womanhood. One son, Albert C., in 1919 and one daughter, Susie M. Tunncliffe, in 1908, and her husband in 1912, having preceded her in death.

She was raised in a Christian home and early in life she was converted uniting with the M.E. church in Kewanee, ILL and later transferring her membership in 1873 to Pleasant view M.E. church in Woodson county Kansas and later to Yates Center of which church she was a faithful member up to her death. She was one of the truly great Christian characters, who lived each day in faith and humility. Although her last days were spent in suffering, she lived in beautiful resignation and patience.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her sons, C. O. of Neosho Falls, Kansas; F.F., H.A., P.E. and E.E., of Yates Center, and one daughter Clara E. Williams of Yates Center, Kansas and 18 grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Ellen Frink, of Shenandoah, Iowa besides her friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held in her memory at the M.E. church, Thursday afternoon, conducted by her pastor Rev. A.W. Johnson, assisted by the Rev. J.E. Latimer. The pall bearers were six of her grandsons. The body was laid to rest in the family lot by the side of her husband.

Thus passes away another of the early pioneers of Woodson county.



## Another Date

In an attempt to determine the actual date, I turned to actual records – and found a THIRD date of 27 Dec 1867.

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Illinois, Henry County. Marriage Register. County Clerk, Film #1435944 DGS 4031862.  
Mentzer, George, 27 Dec 1867 Digital Images, Family Search  
<http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online August 2018.1435944 DGS 4031862

## Which Is Correct?

Finding the actual marriage license helped me resolve this date conflict.

The People of the State of Illinois

To any person authorized to solemnize Marriage

Greeting

You are hereby authorized to celebrate & certify

The Rites of Marriage of

George Mentzer

Emiline Minnick

Now of this County According to the

Usual Custom and Laws of the State of Illinois

Witness Daniel Bonar Clerk of the County Court in and for the County of Henry and the Seal of said Court hereto affixed at Cambridge, this 27 Day of Dec A.D. 1867

J D Bonar, Clerk

State of Illinois, Henry County, SS.

I hereby certify that on the first day of janury AD 1868 I joined in the Holy State of Matrimony George Mentzer and Miss Emaline Minnock according to the Custom and

Laws of the State of Illinois.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of January A.D. 1868

Benj Applebee

Pastor of M E Church  
Kewanee Ills

Henry County Illinois, "Return of Marriage," Book A, page 313, George Mentzer and  
Emeline Minnick, 1 January 1868; County Clerk, Henry County, Illinois.



Analyzing these records made me realize why it is necessary to locate any and every  
record for an ancestor.

# Crawford Tree Issues

Saturday, June 05, 2021

I'm sure we can all agree that each of us needs to work toward having as accurate a family tree as possible. However, I'm willing to admit and hopefully you are too that there could be a mistake or two or several in my tree. Even with an effort to separate out people of the same name and to carefully document findings, those mistakes can still creep in.

Since I have a large database, the chances for such a mistake in my work is high. I hope that when someone else discovers that error in my tree they tell me about it and point me to sources to correct that error.

When it comes to my CRAWFORD research, there are a lot of common given names such as James, John, William, Alexander and Edward that make it difficult to distinguish families. Most of my CRAWFORD research traces the family from early Kentucky back to Montgomery, Botetourt and Augusta counties in Virginia. Augustata County, Virginia is where the family of Alexander and Mary McPheeters Crawford raised their family.

And it is when Alexander and Mary McPheeters Crawford get attached to many many many Crawford trees that other CRAWFORD researchers get frustrated. This is particularly frustrating when working with yDNA tests to help identify family lines.

Several of the Kentucky CRAWFORD lines have participated in the CRAWFORD yDNA project. I believe all five of the Kentucky James Crawford families I've worked to untangle are all found in the R1b supergroup.

MIN	MAX	MODE
191	Crawford	James Crawford b1772VA m1799Ky d1854OH R-Y88686 13
192	Crawford	James Crawford b. 1800 and d. 1870 R-Y82381 13
193	Crawford	R-Y250 13
194	Crawford	James Crawford b. circa 1770 Ireland R-Y82381 13
195	Crawford	Robert Crawford II b. 1792 R-Y82381 13
196	Crawford	William Crawford b. 1754 and d. 1820 R-Y82381 13
197	Crawford	David Crawford b. 1706 Scotland and d. 1788 MD R-Y21804 13
198	Avant	R-Y250 13
199	Crawford	William Nelson Crawford b. 1820 OH and d. 1907 VA R-Y88686 13
200	Crawford	James Crawford of Badland & Ardmillan d. 1708 R-Y22182 13
201	Crawford	R-Y22182 13
202	Crawford	James Crawford b. 1770 VA M Knight 1793 KY d1833 IN R-Y88686 13
203	Crawford	Edward Crawford b. 1762 and d. 1826 R-Y344803 13
204	Barton	R-Y250 13
205	Humphries	Mary Humphries 1874 Rye GA R-Y250 13
206	Crawford	Edward Crawford b. 1770 PA on VA, d. 17 Jun 1825 R-Y344803 13
207	Crawford	James Crawford b. 1758 VA, d. 1830 IN R-Y88686 13
R1b-01C-A13326 - Big Y can reveal placement with the supergroup.		
MIN	MAX	MODE
208	Crawford	James Crawford d. 1758 R-Y250 13
209	Crawford	James b. 1758 R-Y250 13
210	Crawford	Patrick Crawford b. 1723 and d. 1787 R-Y250 13
211	Crawford	James Wesley Crawford b. 1802 & d. 1870 TN R-Y250 13
R1b-01D-A13326 - PT218124		
MIN	MAX	MODE
212	Crawford	R-Y271813 13
213	Crawford	R-Y271813 13
214	Crawford	R-Y250 13
215	Crawford	R-Y250 13
R1b-01F-A13326 - FGC73574+ and (FGC73574+ OR BY17864+)		
MIN	MAX	MODE
216	Crawford	John d. early 1700's R-FGC73574 13
217	Crawford	William b1811 BW, 1831 enlisted Clones Ire R-FGC73574 13
218	Crawford	James Crawford b. 1715 and d. 1775 R-FGC73574 13
219	Crawford	William Henderson Crawford b. 1800 VA d. 1870 OH R-FGC73574 13
220	Crawford	Hugh Crawford b. 1780 and d. bef 1803 R-BY178646 13
221	Crawford	Thomas J. Crawford b. 1820 R-FGC73574 13
222	Crawford	William Crawford b. 1861 and d. 1781 R-FGC73574 13
223	Crawford	James m. 1792 Durham Par. Ireland R-Y250 13
224	Crawford	Hugh Crawford R-BY178646 13
225	Atwood	William Atwood b. 1800 OH US d. 1845 OH US R-FGC73574 13
226	Crawford	John Crawford b. 1802 and d. 1880 R-Y250 13
227	Crawford	George Robert Crawford R-Y250 13
228	Crawford	Alexander Crawford b. 1715 - d. 1784 R-Y250 13
R1b-01G-A13326 - Big Y can reveal placement with the supergroup.		

Crawford yDNA project – part of R1b group

The three families from the area of early Garrard county, Kentucky are in the same haplogroup: R-Y88686.

- James Crawford b1772VA m1799Ky d1854OH – *My line* – in the R1b-01B Ardmillan group **R-Y88686**

- James Crawford b1770 VA M Knight 1793 KY d1833 IN – in the R1b-01B Ardmillan group **R-Y88686** — the Crawford family that was neighbors to my Crawford line for over 100 years
- James Crawford b 1758 VA; d1836 IN – in the R1b-01B Ardmillan group **R-Y88686** — the James Crawford married to Rebecca Anderson Maxwell; this James owned land along Paint Lick Creek in Garrard County, Kentucky prior to migrating to Indiana.

I believe the James Crawford of Fleming county, Kentucky is represented on the project in the R1b-01C group as James Crawford b1758. This family also likely has roots in Montgomery, Botetourt and Augusta Counties in Virginia.

So where do descendants of Alexander and Mary McPheeters Crawford fit in this yDNA study? There is one R1b test that indicates Alexander Crawford b1716 d1764 as the earliest known ancestor. Working with this tester, it appears that his line does descend from William Crawford and his wife Rachel Sawyers, making it a legitimate Alexander Crawford line. Currently this tester is in group R1b-01F. Based on this test, that would put Rev James Crawford of Lexington, Kentucky in the R1b-01F group.

However, there are several other yDNA testers claiming Alexander Crawford as their earliest known ancestor.

Crawford	Robert (Habin or Hobin) Crawford, b. 1781 d. 1874	I-A10097
Crawford	Alexander Crawford B. 1715 Clydesdale D. 1764	I-A1612
Crawford		I-M253

#### I1-D5 group

Crawford		I-M253	13
Crawford	Alexander Crawford, Buffalo Gap, VA - Augusta Coun	I-M253	13

#### I1-D9 group

Renshaw	Sydney Taylor Renshaw b.1877- d.1938	I-M253
Crawford	Alexander Crawford	I-A1601
Crawford	Samuel Sr b 1730 d bfr 1812 in Ireland	I-M253

#### I1-12 group

Crawford	Crigan Crawford, b. 1690 and d. 1690	I-M253
Crawford	Zachariah Crawford (b. 1794/5) Rockingham Co., VA	R-FT254639
Prather	Alexander Crawford, 1715	R-CTS4179
Crawford	George, b 1813 TN	R-M198

#### R1a-5 group

Granted, I'm not sure all four of the above tests are referring to the Alexander Crawford that was killed by Indians in 1764, but I'm guessing at least three of them are claiming Alexander and Mary McPheeters Crawford as their ancestors.

So which is it? Do Alexander Crawford's descendants fall in the R1b-01F group? Or are they in the I1-D5 group, or the I1-D9 group, or the I1-12 group? Or what about the R1a-5 group? I don't believe they can be in all FIVE yDNA groupings.

These examples from yDNA testing are just a small portion of the issue. A search of Ancestry trees for Alexander Crawford and his wife Mary McPheeters reveals 5869 public trees contain this couple. Now, not all of those trees will represent descendants but many of them will. (My tree would be included in that count and I don't descend from Alexander

and Mary.)

Since I'm fairly certain that the James Crawford (1758-1836) who married Rebecca Anderson does not descend from Alexander and Mary McPheeters Crawford, I did a search for such a combination: James Crawford b1758, d1836, father Alexander Crawford, mother Mary McPheeters and spouse Rebecca. That search resulted in 2282 trees. Looking at the results, I found the James Crawford of Fleming County, KY (wife Sarah Van Zandt) on that list many times. Browsing down the list, I found James Crawford who married Rebecca Anderson.

James Crawford from tree			
Birth	1758 Augusta, Virginia, USA	Father	Alexander Crawford (1715-1764)
Marriage	21 Oct 1786 Fincastle, Botetourt, Virginia, USA	Mother	Mary McPheeters (1722-1764)
Death	16 May 1836 Indiana, USA	Spouse	Rebecca Crawford (1761-1840)
474 People 2 Records 3 Sources			

James Crawford from tree			
Birth	1758 Augusta, Virginia, USA	Father	Alexander Crawford (1715-1764)
Marriage	21 Oct 1786 Fincastle, Botetourt, Virginia, USA	Mother	Mary McPheeters (1722-1764)
Residence	1810 Flemingsburg, Fleming, Kentucky, USA	Spouse	Sarah Van Zandt (1762-1827)
Death	16 May 1836 Hillsboro, Fleming, Kentucky, USA		
6490 People 2 Records 5 Sources			

Even though the DAR records for these two James Crawford have been confused over time, they are two separate families. Since they were both born in 1758, they can't both be sons of Alexander Crawford and Mary McPheeters.

Below is what I have for the family of Alexander and Mary Crawford.

Pedigree Family Descendants People WebSearch Timeline						
Father: Alexander Crawford		Father's Parents: Col. William Crawford				
b: 1715, South Lanarkshire, Scotland		Mary Ann Douglas				
m: 1740						
d: 25 Sep 1764, Augusta, Virginia, United States		Mother's Parents: William McPheeters				
Mother: Mary McPheeters		Rebecca Thompson				
b: 1716, Northern Ireland						
d: bef 1764, Augusta, Virginia, United States						
Children		Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place
1	Lieutenant John Crawford	M	1741		Jan 1832	Buffalo Branch, Augusta County, Va
2	William Crawford	M	1 Jun 1744	Churchville, Augusta, Virginia, United States	15 Oct 1792	Churchville, Augusta, Virginia, United States
3	Rev. Edward Crawford	M	1745		25 Dec 1822	(bu) Glade Spring, Washington, Virginia, United States
4	Martha Crawford	F	1752	Augusta, Colony of Virginia, British Colonial America	27 May 1823	Cragville, Augusta, Virginia, United States
5	Rev. James Crawford	M	1752/3	Augusta, Colony of Virginia, British Colonial America	11 Apr 1803	Lexington, Fayette, Kentucky, United States
6	Rebecca Crawford	F	1753		25 Feb 1841	Knox, Tennessee, United States
7	Alexander Crawford	M	1753		19 Jun 1830	(bu) Raphine, Rockbridge, Virginia, United States
8	Elizabeth Crawford	F	1754		bef 28 Oct 1810	Augusta, Virginia, United States
9	Robert Crawford	M	1757		1822	
10	Samuel Crawford	M	1759	Augusta, Virginia, United States	1786	
11	Margaret Crawford	F	1761		1777	
12	Mary Crawford	F	1763			

If the above family is correct, then neither the James who married Rebecca Anderson nor the James who married Sarah Van Zandt are sons of Alexander and Mary Crawford.

There are a few books that I've used to figure out that my James Crawford does NOT descend from Alexander and Mary McPheeters Crawford:

- Helen McPheeters Rice, *The McPheeters Family* (Winter Park, FL: No publisher, 1956). There is an digital edition of this book on FamilySearch.
- William M. Clemens, *Crawford Family Records: An Account of the First American Settlers and Colonial Families of the Name of Crawford* (New York: William M. Clemens, 1914). This book is also available on FamilySearch.
- Amanda Crawford Arbogast Forbes and Lucetta Crawford Sammis, Compilers, *Descendants of Alexander & Mary McPheeters Crawford: Pioneer Settlers of Augusta County, Virginia* (Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, 1980). The Family History



Library has the book on microfiche. Microfiche of this book can be found at Midwest Genealogy Center (and possibly other major genealogy libraries). This book outlines descendants for several generations and includes lots of source references. My Crawford family has roots in the same area that descendants of Alexander and Mary Crawford lived. Thus the records for my family line will be intermingled with the records for Alexander's line. I'm guessing that there were other Crawford family lines also living in that area of Virginia prior to 1800.

Thus, a lot of work will need to be done to try and identify these various Crawford family lines in early Augusta county. If you have Alexander and Mary McPheeters Crawford as ancestors in your tree, are you willing to use the above resources and the documents mentioned in them to verify your descent? Until we get these family lines sorted out correctly, our DNA results won't help identify that next generation. Are you willing to help sort these early Augusta County, Virginia Crawford families out?



# Place Line

Sunday, June 06, 2021

#SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans: It's Saturday Night again –  
Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**

**Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):**

**1) We're all familiar with Timelines – date, location, event, etc. – for events in our lives. This week, create a Place Line for your life, or for the life of one of your parents or grandparents – your choice! In that Place Line, tell us the location (address if possible), inclusive dates (if possible), and events. Consider topics like residence, schools, churches, employment, etc.**

To protect the privacy of my immediate family, I am choosing to do a place line for Pauline Briles. To determine these places, I have used land records, census records, city directories and newspaper articles. Since Pauline lived her entire life in Kansas, I can take advantage of Ancestry's source, Kansas, City and County Census Records, 1919-1961, to help fill in the blanks.

Pauline Edith Mentzer, wife of Edward Osmund Briles

- 1896 – born in Woodson County, Kansas – likely North Township
- 1900 – census records indicate she was living in North township, Woodson County, Kansas
- 1905 – Kansas census records indicate she was living in Neosho Falls, Woodson County, Kansas
- 1910 – census records indicate she was living in Liberty Township, Coffey County, Kansas
- 1913 – received a diploma from School District #9 in Coffey County, Kansas implying she was living in Coffey County
- 1914 – attended high school in Yates Center, Kansas
- 1915 – married Edward Osmund Briles in Yates Center, Kansas
- 1917 – husband's draft record indicates they were living in Vernon, (Woodson County), Kansas
- 1920 – living in Iola, Kansas
- 1925 – living in Iola, Kansas
- 1929 – moved out of house on South Pecan street in Iola, (Allen County) Kansas
- 1930 – living in Buffalo, Wilson County, Kansas
- 1934 – living in Emporia Kansas
- 1937 – 416 Constitution, Emporia, Kansas
- 1939 – 6 Mechanic St., Emporia, Kansas
- 1940 – 613 Lincoln Street
- 1942 – RFD #1 (likely East 6th Street), Emporia, Kansas
- 1945 – 924 Constitution, Emporia, Kansas
- 1952 – 645 Lincoln, Emporia, Kansas
- 1953 – city directory indicates she was living at 924 Constitution, Emporia, Kansas while the census lists and address of 645 Lincoln, Emporia, Kansas
- 1955 – 645 Lincoln, Emporia, Kansas

- 1956 – her husband died; his death certificate indicates they were living at 645 Lincoln, Emporia, Kansas
- 1957 – 138 W. 12th
- 1958 – Manhattan, Kansas living with daughter
- 1959 – lived at 1014 Market Street, Emporia, Kansas which is where her sister, Gladys Green lived
- 1961 – 821 W. 6th St., Emporia, Kansas – lived here until the house was sold for development along 6th street
- 1967 – 609 W 5th St., Emporia, Kansas
- 1976 – 609 W. 5th St., Emporia, Kansas
- 1977 – 609 W. 5th St., Emporia, Kansas; lived here until she moved to Horizon Plaza
- 1984 – at her death she was living in apartment #405 at Horizon Plaza at 1531 Wheeler in Emporia, Kansas

Below are two pictures of Pauline standing in front of her home at the time. Unfortunately, I don't know which house is pictured in these photos.



# Mentzer Death

Monday, June 07, 2021

Do you have a civil war pension file for one of your ancestors? If so, are you lucky enough to have a document verifying the date of death?

I found such verification in the file for Albert Hutchinson and again in the file for George Mentzer. The Mentzer file contains a statement from the undertaker for Woodson County.

Regular Sessions

First Mondays in January, April, July and October

Yates Center, Kansas

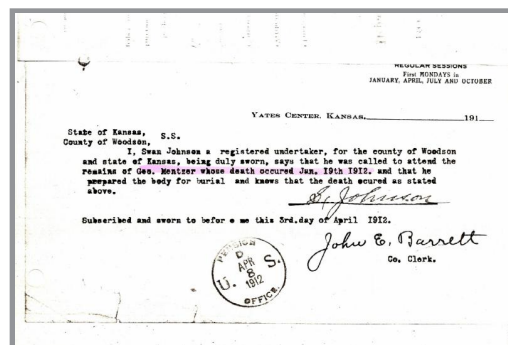
State of Kansas

County of Woodson

I, Swan Johnson a registered undertaker, for the county of Woodson and state of Kansas, being duly sworn, says that he was called to attend the remains of Geo. Mentzer whose death occurred Jan. 19th 1912 and that he prepared the body for burial and knows that the death occurred as stated above.

S. Johnson.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April 1912



George Mentzer (Company C, 24th Regiment Massachus Infantry), pension no. WC 741.913, Case Files of Approved Pension Applications, 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

In 1984, while a 'novice' genealogist, I ordered a copy of the Kansas Death Certificate for George Mentzer.

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State of Kansas

State Board of Health- Div. of Vital Statistics

Standard Certificate of Death

Registered No. 24

Place of Death

County: Woodson

Township: Center

City: Yates Center No. RR#2 street \_\_\_\_\_, Ward

Full Name: George Mentzer

Sex: Male

Color: White

Marital Status: M

Date of Birth: June 12 1838

Age: 73 yrs 7 mos 6 da

Occupation: Farmer  
stock farmer

Birthplace: Mass

Date of Death: Jan 19 1912

I hereby certify, that I attended deceased from Mch 12 1910 to Jan 19 19112 that I last saw him alive Jan 18 1912 and that death occurred on the date stated above at P.M.

The cause of death was as follows cerebral arterio-sclerosis

Duration: 3 years

Contributory Fall from Hay wagon

Singed E K Kellen[beran] M.D.

Yates Center K

Name of Father: don't know

Birthplace of father: German

Maiden name of mother: don't know

Birthplace of mother: Germany

The above is true to the best of my knowledge

Informant: Bert Mentzer

Address: Yates Center

Place of Burial or Removal: Yates Center

Date of Burial: Jan 22 1912

Undertaker: S. Johnson

Address: Yates Center

Filed Jan 20 1912

L R Wallace

George Mentzer, death certificate #104 49 (19 January 1912), Kansas State Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Topeka, Kansas.

PLACE OF DEATH		STATE OF KANSAS. 104 43	
COUNTY <u>Woodson</u>		STATE BOARD OF HEALTH-DIV. OF VITAL STATISTICS.	
TOWNSHIP <u>Center</u>		STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH. 24	
CITY <u>Water Center</u> No. <u>R.R.#2</u> street. Ward. (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the NAME of hospital or institution.)			
FULL NAME <u>George Mentzer</u>			
PERSONAL AND CERTAIN PARTICULARS.		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.	
1. Sex. <u>male</u> <u>white</u>	2. Color of hair. <u>M</u>	3. Date of Death. <u>Jan - 19 - 1912</u>	
4. Date of Birth. <u>June 12 1838</u>		5. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Mon 12</u> 1912 to <u>Jan 19</u> 1912	
6. Age. <u>73</u> <u>7</u> <u>6</u> <u>2</u>		that I last saw <u>him</u> alive on <u>Jan 18</u> 1912	
7. Occupation. <u>farmer</u> <u>stock farmer</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>8</u> <u>PM</u>	
8. Birthplace. <u>Mass</u>		The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: <u>Cerebral arterio-sclerosis</u>	
9. Name of Father. <u>don't know</u>		Contributory <u>fell from hay wagon</u>	
10. Birthplace of Father. <u>Germany</u>		11. Name of Physician. <u>E. R. Ketchum, M.D.</u>	
12. Maiden name of Mother. <u>don't know</u>		13. Name of Deceased. <u>George Mentzer</u>	
14. Birthplace of Mother. <u>Germany</u>		15. Length of Residence (For hospitals, institutions, or recent residents). <u>at home</u>	
16. The above is true to the best of my knowledge. (Signature) <u>W. H. Ketchum</u>		17. Place of Burial or Removal. <u>Water Center</u>	
18. Address. <u>Water Center</u>		19. Date of Burial. <u>Jan 25 1912</u>	
20. Signature of Registrar. <u>J. H. Wallace</u>		21. Signature of Physician. <u>E. R. Ketchum</u>	

# George Mentzer

Tuesday, June 08, 2021

**George Mentzer** was born on 12 Jun 1838 in Stow, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States. 1– 17

He was the child of Phillip Andrew Mentzer and Orinda Miles. 3, 14, 17

George Mentzer is listed in the household of Orinda Mentzer in the 1850 census. According to the census, George was 12 years old and born in Massachusetts. 18

About 1854, he was a farm hand in Illinois, United States. 3

About 1856, George was a clerk in grocery store in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, United States. 3, 17

He helped establish the first hotel about 1857 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States. 19

He learned the trade of comb maker about 1859 in Massachusetts, United States. 3, 17

George Mentzer was listed as a 22 year old male in the household of Cyrus Mentzer living in Northborough, Worcester County, Massachusetts on the 1860 census. According to the census, George was born in Massachusetts. 20

George enlisted in Company C Twenty-Fourth Massachusetts Infantry on 25 Sep 1861 in Massachusetts, United States. 4, 13– 14, 17, 21– 24

He received medical treatment aboard the boat 'Vidette' when he was disabled by measles in Nov 1861 in Annapolis, Anne Arundel, Maryland, United States. 13

George Mentzer's term of service ended on 25 Sep 1864 13, 21– 22

He lived in Northboro, Worcester County, Massachusetts between 1864 and 1866. 13

George lived in Northboro, Worcester County, Massachusetts in 1865. 25

In 1866, he was a member of the Methodist Church in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States. 23

He purchased land being lot number 2 block 14 in the town of Kewanee from T. D. and Harriet W. Fitch for \$200 on 29 Mar 1866 in Henry, Illinois, United States. 26

George was indebted to Hiram Nance for \$300 on 14 May 1866 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States. 27

Between 1866 and 1869 he was an a butcher in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States. 19

He lived in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States between 1866 and 1870. 13, 17

He married Emeline Minnick on 1 Jan 1868 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States. 2, 7, 13, 28– 33

George managed a meat market in 1869 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States. 3, 28

On 1 Jul 1869, Charles Oliver Mentzer was born in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States. 13– 14, 23, 34

About 1869, he moved to Kansas from Kewanee, Illinois in a covered wagon drawn by a mule team. 3, 17, 35

George Mentzer of Shawnee of the State of Illinois signed a contract to purchase land being the NE 1/4 S6 T25S R15E of 6th principal meridian containing 164 15/100 acres for \$738.67 with interest annually at the rate of two percent from the Land Department of the Union Pacific Railway Company Southern Branch on 16 May 1870 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 14, 36

Geo Mentzer was listed as the head of household on the 1870 census living in Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois. According to the census, Geo was a 32 year old domestic servant who was born in Massachusetts. Also listed in the household was 22 year old Emma and 1 year old Chas. 13, 37

On 3 Mar 1871, John Frederick Mentzer was born in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States. 13– 14, 23

In May 1871, he arrived in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States with friend George W. Allen. They obtained a room at the Fall House for Mrs. Mentzer and sons and then loaded lumber to build a small house and drove to the claim that Mentzer had purchased from the M.K. & T. Railroad the previous year. 3, 14, 23

On 28 Feb 1873, Susan May Mentzer was born in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 13– 14, 23

On 31 Dec 1874, Henry Arnold Mentzer was born in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 13– 14, 23, 38

On 22 Feb 1877, Philip Embry Mentzer was born in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 13– 14, 23

George was a member of the Woodson Post No. 185 GAR in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 39

On 10 May 1880, Earnest Everett Mentzer was born in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 13– 14, 23

Geo Mentzer is listed as the 42 year old head of household on the 1880 census living in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas. George was listed as a farmer who was born in Massachusetts. Also listed in the household was his 32 year old wife, Emaline, who was born in Pennsylvania. Children in the household were Charles, age 11; Fred, age 9; Susan, age 6; Henry, age 5; Phillip, age 3 and Ernest, born May 1880. According to the census, John and Fred were born in Illinois while the remaining children were born in Kansas 40

He purchased land being the NE 1/4 Section 6, T25, R15 of 6th Principal Meridian containing 164 15/100 acres for \$574.59 from the Missouri Kansas & Texas Railway Company on 14 Jul 1881 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 41

On 20 Sep 1882, Clara Edith Mentzer was born in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 13–14, 23

He was listed on the 1885 Kansas State Census as a 46 year old male born in Massachusetts who served in Company C of the Massachusetts Regiment 24 Infantry and was listed as George Mentzer in Center Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States on 1 Mar 1885. 42

On 7 Apr 1887, Clarence Albert Mentzer was born in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 13–14, 23, 43

George applied for a pension based on service in 24th Massachusetts Infantry on 6 Jun 1890. 44

He purchased land being the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 Section 18 T24 R15 from Woodson National Bank on 4 Mar 1893 in Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 45

George Mentzer of Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas purchased land being the north 1/2 NW 1/4 S5 T25S R15E containing 82 acres for \$800 from Virginia Lois Warren (formerly Virginia Lois Rutledge) and her husband Wm B Warren on 17 Mar 1893 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 46

He purchased land being the S 1/2 NW 1/4 S5T25R15 from Mary C. Orton, formerly Mary C. Rutledge and F. L. Orton, her husband of Illinois for \$800 on 27 Mar 1893 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 47

He purchased land being the SE1/4 S34T24R15 from Irene Hazzard of Texas County, Missouri on 28 Mar 1894 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 48

George was listed on the 1895 Kansas census as a 56 year old male farmer born in Massachusetts living in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas. George served in Company C 24th Regiment Massachusetts Infantry. Also listed in the household was 46 year old E Mentzer, 21 year old Susan Mentzer, 19 year old Henry Mentzer, 16 year old Ernest Mentzer, 17 year old Philip Mentzer, 12 year old Clara Mentzer and 12 year old Albert Mentzer. 49

A meeting was held by the Yates Center creamery association promoters to solicit stock in Mar 1897. 50

On 5 Mar 1897, he held the office of trustee of Yates Center Creamery Association in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 51

He was listed as a director on the charter for the Yates Center Creamery association in Apr 1897 in Kansas, United States. 52

George contributed to the Easel Monument Project for a memorial to be created to the



"Brave Boys in Blue" to be placed in the center of the Union Soldiers and Sailors National Park in 1898 . 21

He was elected as a Center Township trustee for the Yates Center Creamery in Jan 1898 in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 51, 53

About 1899, the Yates Center Creamery failed with a \$5,000 debt. He took it on himself to pay off the debt, expecting help from the other officers of the creamery. 51

He purchased land being the North 1/2 of Section 19 Township 24 in Range 15 from John E. Frost, et. al. on 5 Oct 1899 in Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 54

George Mentzer is listed as a 61 year old male on the 1900 census living in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, George was born June 1838 in Massachusetts. Also listed in the household was his wife, Emma, who was born Aug 1848 in Pennsylvania. George and Emma had been married 32 years. Children listed in the household included Susan, born Feb 1873; Henry A, born Dec 1874; Philip E, born Feb 1877; Ernest E, born May 1880; Clara E, born Sept 1882 and Albert C, born Apr 1886. 55

The stock holders in the old creamery association of Yates Center are engaging in a legal mix-up which will prove expensive to all of them. 56

In Feb 1902, George and Fred Wilkinson brought a suit to wind up the affairs of the Yates Center Creamery Association to compel stockholders to bear their portion of the indebtedness in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 57

He was in court in Mar 1902 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 58

The stockholders in the Yates Center creamery association are being sued on the double liability clause of the constitution. 59– 60

In Jun 1902, George Mentzer's case vs Yates Center Creamery Association, et al was continued in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 61

The Yates Center News says the Yates Center Creamery at that place never did pay, and the stockholders are in a peck of trouble on account of a threatened law suit. The writer's sympathy is with the stockholders. He has had some experience in that line. – LeRoy Reporter 62

He was on the court docket in Oct 1902 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 63

The Yates Center creamery recently closed down. 64

In Nov 1902, Art Dutro, a defendant in the creamery case, arrived Tuesday to attend court in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 65

Yates Center Creamery property was sold for back taxes 66

In May 1903, he's court case vs The Yates Cemetery Creamery Association was on the court docket in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 67

The value of the Yates Center Creamery was reduced from \$640 to \$350.. 68

The case, Mentzer, et al. vs Creamery was taken under advisement by the July 1903 term of the District Court in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 69

The case of Geo Mentzer vs the Yates Center Creamery Association, et al was listed on the bar docket 70

The court found for the defendants in Mentzer vs Y.C. Creamery association. 71

In Nov 1903, Will Holliday bought the old creamery property in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 72

In 1904, George Mentzer owned land being the S1/2 of Section 25 Township 24 South of Range 14 East in North Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 73

He owned land being the NE 1/4 of S 6 and NW 1/4 of S5 in Center Township, Township 25 South Range 14E of 6th PM in 1904 in Center Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 74

He owned land being the SE 1/4 Section 34 R15E T34S in 1904 in Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 75

George was on the court docket for the case, Geo. Mentzer vs Y.C. Creamery Association, in Feb 1904 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 76

In the case Mentzer vs Creamery Assoc., the deed to Holiday was declared good. 77

The case of Mentzer v. Burlingame (71 Kan. 581) was remanded, with instructions to proceed in accordance with the views expressed by the Kansas Supreme Court on 10 Jun 1905. 78

He filed a motion for rehearing which was sustained modifying the opinion and remanding case to trial court to overrule the demurrer in Jul 1905 in Kansas, United States. 79

George Mentzer was the head of household on the 1905 Kansas state census living in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, George was 67 years old. Also living in the household was Emiline, age 50; Ernest, age 24; and Albert, age 18. 80

In Jun 1906, he had cases (George Mentzer vs. Cyrus Davidson, et al; George Mentzer vs H. D. Burlingame et al; George Mentzer vs Fred Wilkinson; George Mentzer vs A. P. Fletcher; George Mentzer vs D. M. Ray et al) heard in district court in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 81

In Jul 1906, George was left to stand the loss sustained by those interested in the old creamery . 82

In the case of Mentzer v. Burlingame (78 Kan. 219), the former judgement was reversed by the Kansas Supreme Court on 6 Jun 1908 . 83– 84

He submitted declaration for pension on Act of February 6, 1907 on 24 Jun 1908 in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 13

George Mentzer was the head of household on the 1910 census living in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas According to the census, George was 72 years old and born in Massachusetts. Also in the household were his wife, Emeline, age 61, and sons Earnest, age 27 and Bert, age 24. The census indicates that George and Emiline had been married 41 years. 85

In Aug 1911, The Yates Center Creamery was listed as a delinquent corporation in danger of losing its charter in Kansas, United States. 86

He was affirmed in his case against H.D. Burlilngame, et al in Nov 1911 . 87

In Dec 1911, George was the plaintiff in the creamery case where the Supreme Court reversed itself and found for the plaintiff in Kansas, United States. 88

He died on 19 Jan 1912 at the age of 73 in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 2, 6– 7, 10, 12– 13, 15– 16, 89– 90

He was buried on 22 Jan 1912 at Yates Center Cemetery in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 6, 10, 15, 23, 91

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# Emiline's Death

Wednesday, June 09, 2021

Emiline Minnick Mentzer died in Yates Center, Kansas in 1927. Her death was recorded by the state of Kansas.

State of Kansas  
State Board of Health – Division of vital Statistics  
Standard Certificate of death

104 1475

Yates Center, Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas  
Emiline Mentzer  
Residence: 210 West Morry

Sex: Female  
Race: White  
Married: Widow  
Husband: George Mentzer

Age: 79 years 17 days  
Occupation: house wife  
Employer: self  
Birthplace: Pittsburg, Penn  
Father: John Minnick  
Father Birthplace: Penn  
Maiden name of mother: unknown  
Birthplace of mother: Unknown

Date of Death 9-13-1927

I hereby certify, that i attended deceased from several years 1927 to Sept 1927  
that I last saw her alive on Sept 13 1927  
and that death occurred on the date stated about at 10:40 pM  
The cause of death was as follows  
[Inanitions & lass f?]  
of left [femur]  
Contributory: Scolrosis paralysis  
Did an operation proceed death: no  
Was there an autopsy: no  
Signed: H W West  
Yates Center KS

Place of burial: Yates Center Cemetery  
Date of Burial 9-15-1927  
Hugh P Campbell, Yates Center, KS  
Informant: Mrs. E. E. Mentzer, Yates Center, Kan

Filed 9-15-1927  
Eva E Wirich

Emiline Mentzer, death certificate 104 1475 (13 September 1927), Kansas State Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Topeka, Kansas.

STATE OF KANSAS  
State Board of Health—Division of Vital Statistics  
STANDARD  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH: County Woodson  
Township Yates Center  
City Yates Center  
Registered No. 15  
104 1475

2 FULL NAME Emiline Mentzer  
(a) Residence, No. 210 West Main  
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 13 yrs. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? 20 yrs.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS  
SEX Female  
DATE OF BIRTH Aug 26 1848  
AGE 79  
OCCUPATION OF DECEASED Housewife  
BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Yates Center  
NAME OF FATHER John Minnick  
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) Yates Center  
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) Yates Center  
DATE OF DEATH Sept 13 1927  
PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR INTERMENT Yates Center  
DATE OF BURIAL Sept 13 1927

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Sept 13 1927  
HISTORY CERTIFY: That I attended deceased from Sept 13 1927  
that I last saw her alive on Sept 13 1927  
and that death occurred on the date stated above, Sept 13 1927  
The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:  
Senile decay  
DURATION 1 day  
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Senile decay  
13 Where was disease contracted? At home  
If no. of place of death?  
14a On certificate provide death? Yes Date of  
What last medical attention?  
(Signed) A. W. Johnson  
15 Name, rank, position, and address of the person to whom this certificate is given, and whether a physician, surgeon, or other person (Give name and address of additional names)

A clipping of her obituary provides further information. This obituary was likely published in the Yates Center, Kansas newspaper, but is not available online. With the archives still closed due to COVID, I will have to wait to try and get documentation for the clipping.

#### Died – Mentzer

Emaline Minnick was born near Pittsburg, Pa., Aug 26, 1848, at which place she spent her childhood in the home of her parents, John and Mary Minnick. at the age of 12 years her parents with their five daughters and one son moved to Kewanee, Ill., where she attend the public schools and grew to young womanhood.

On New Year's day, 1868, she was united in marriage to George Mentzer, living in Kewanee until the pioneer spirit brought them to the state of Kansas where they located on the Mentzer homestead in West Center township in May, 1872. On this place she resided until Feb., 1914, when she moved to Yates Center, where she died Tuesday evening Sept. 13, 1927, at the age of 79 years and 17 days.

To this union 8 children were born and grew to manhood and womanhood. On son, Albert C., in 1919, and one daughter, Susie M. Tunncliffe, in 1908 and her husband in 1912, having preceded her in death.

She was raised in a Christian home and early in life she was converted, uniting with the M. E. church in Kewanee, Ill., and later transferring her membership to Peasant View M.E. church in Woodson county, Kansas, and later to Yates Center, of which church she was a faithful member up to her death. She was one of the truly great Christian characters, who lived each day in faith and humility. Although her last days were spent in suffering, she lived in beautiful resignation and patience.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her sons, C. O., of Neosho Falls, Kansas; J. F., H. A., P. E. and E. E. of Yates Center, and one daughter, Mrs. Clara E. Williams, of Yates, Center, Kansas, and 38 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Ellen Frink of Shenandoah, Iowa, besides other friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held in her memory at the M.E. church, Thursday afternoon, conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. W. Johnson, assisted by the Rev. J. E. Latimer. The pall bearers were six of her grandsons. The body was laid to rest in the family lot by the side of her husband.

Thus passes away another of the early pioneers of Woodson county.

"Died – Mentzer," undated clipping, 1927, from unidentified newspaper; Crawford Family

Papers, saved by Pauline Briles and passed down to Marcia Philbrick; privately held 2021 by Marcia Crawford Philbrick, likely from Yates Center newspaper.



# Throwback Thursday

Thursday, June 10, 2021

Edward Doolittle



# Emeline Minnick Mentzer

Friday, June 11, 2021

(Note: her first name was spelled many ways)

**Emeline Minnick** 1 was born on 26 Aug 1848 in Pittsburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. 2– 3

Emiline Menick was listed as a 1 year old female in the household of John Menick on the 1850 U.S. census living in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. 4

E. Minnick was listed in the household of Jno Minnick on the 1860 U.S. Census living in Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois. E. Minnick was listed as an 11 year old female born in Pennsylvania. 2, 5

She became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church on 14 Jul 1867 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States. 6

She married George Mentzer on 1 Jan 1868 in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States. 2, 7– 15

On 1 Jul 1869, Charles Oliver Mentzer was born in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States. 12, 16– 18

Emma Mentzer was listed in the household of Geo Mentzer on the 1870 census living in Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois. According to the census, Emma was 22 years old and born in Pennsylvania. 19

On 3 Mar 1871, John Frederick Mentzer was born in Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States. 12, 16– 17

She lived in Woodson, Kansas, United States in 1872. 2

Between 1873 and 1914, Emeline was a member Pleasant View M.E. Church in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 2

On 28 Feb 1873, Susan May Mentzer was born in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 12, 16– 17

On 31 Dec 1874, Henry Arnold Mentzer was born in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 12, 16– 17, 20

On 22 Feb 1877, Philip Embry Mentzer was born in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 12, 16– 17

On 10 May 1880, Earnest Everett Mentzer was born in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 12, 16– 17

Emaline Mentzer was listed as the wife of Geo Mentzer on the 1880 census living in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, Emaline was 32 years old and born in Pennsylvania. 21

On 20 Sep 1882, Clara Edith Mentzer was born in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 12, 16– 17

Emeline Mentzer is listed as a 36 year old female in the household of George Mentzer on the 1885 Kansas census living in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas. 22

On 7 Apr 1887, Clarence Albert Mentzer was born in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 12, 16– 17, 23

E Mentzer was listed as a 46 year old female in the household of Geo Mentzer on the 1895 Kansas census living in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas. 24

Emma Mentzer was listed as the wife of George Mentzer on the 1900 census living in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, Emma was born Aug 1848 in Pennsylvania. Emma and George and been married 32 years in 1900. Emma was the mother of 8 children, all of whom were living in 1900. 25

Emeline Mentzer was listed in the household of George Mentzer on the 1905 Kansas census living in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, Emeline was 50 years old. 26

Emeline Mentzer was listed as the wife of George Mentzer on the 1910 census living in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, Emeline was 61 years old and born in Pennsylvania. Emeline was the mother of 8 children, 7 of whom were living. 27

On 26 Jan 1912, she thanked friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of her husband in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 28

She filed a declaration of a widow for original pension on 13 Feb 1912 in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 12

Between 1914 and 1927, Emeline was a member in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 29

She lived in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States in Feb 1914. 2

Mrs. Emeline Mentzer was listed as the head of household on the 1915 census living in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, Mrs. Mentzer was 66 years old. Also living in the household was Hazel, age 18 and Cecil, aged 16. 30

She lived in Woodson, Kansas, United States in 1919. 23

Emaline Mentzer was listed as a head of household on the 1920 census. According to the census, Emaline was 70 years old and born in Pennsylvania. Her sister, Mary E Minnick was also listed in the household. 31

Emeline Mentzer was listed as the head of household on the 1925 Kansas census living in Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census Emeline was a 76 year old female born in Pennsylvania. Also listed in the household was listed a sister



Mary E. Minnick. 32

Emeline died on 13 Sep 1927 at the age of 79 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 2, 33– 35

She was buried on 15 Sep 1927 at Yates Center Cemetery in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 2, 33– 35

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# South Side of the Bridge

Saturday, June 12, 2021

#52Ancestors

Have you ever counted the number of bridges you cross as you travel from one community to another? In today's society, I know that I take those bridges for granted and am guessing that you may do likewise.

However, when one is on the south side of a river (stream or creek) and need to get to the other side, those bridges become important. That was very true for my husband and I when he interviewed for a teaching job at Nemaha Valley High School. We were students at Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas and the interview was in Seneca, Kansas. Between Emporia and Seneca is one of the major rivers in Kansas – the Kansas River.

We had looked at the maps and figured out a route to get from Emporia to Seneca. Since he was a 'poor' college student, he wasn't interested in taking the turnpike from Emporia to Topeka and then going to Seneca. Ruling out that route, he elected to take the most direct route going thru Maple Hill to Saint Marys and then north to Seneca.

Reaching Maple Hill, we discovered that the bridge across the Kansas River was closed for construction. Thus, a search of the map began for another bridge to get us from the South side of the river to the North side. We ended up going thru Paxico. Fortunately, we were able to locate a pay phone and call ahead to warn the superintendent that we would be late due to our issue with the bridge.

My Crawford relatives were greatly impacted by this need for a bridge when they migrated to Dodge City. The majority of their land holdings were on the South side of the Arkansas River while the Santa Fe trail, railroad and business district were all on the North side of the river.

By the time James H. Crawford and his family arrived in Dodge City, the Dodge City Bridge Company had erected a toll bridge across the river. Tolls to cross the bridge were \$1.50 for a team and wagon, \$2.00 for a four to six horse team and \$.25 for men on horseback (or pedestrians). [Toll information from the article, "John T. Riney: the First Toll Keeper" by Kathie Bell for the Dodge City Daily Globe. A clipping of the article was shared in the Facebook group, Growing Up in Dodge City.]



Dodge City Daily Globe. 1 Jan 1878, page 7

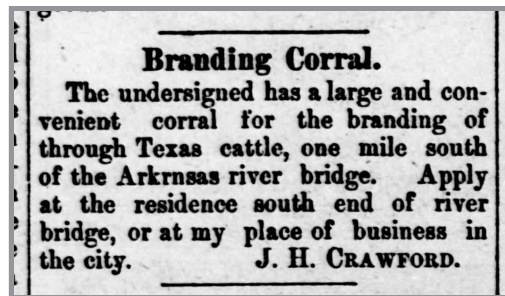
Being entrepreneurs, the Crawford family established a Branding Corral one mile south of the river. They also purchased and refurbished the South Side Hotel. Both of these businesses would have attracted cattlemen and other travelers coming to Dodge City from Texas.

#### Branding Corral

The undersigned has a large and convenient corral for the branding of through Texas cattle, one mile south of the Arkansas river bridge. Apply at the residence south end of river bridge, or at my place of business in the city.

J.H. Crawford

Dodge City Times, July 24, 1884



#### The South Side Hotel

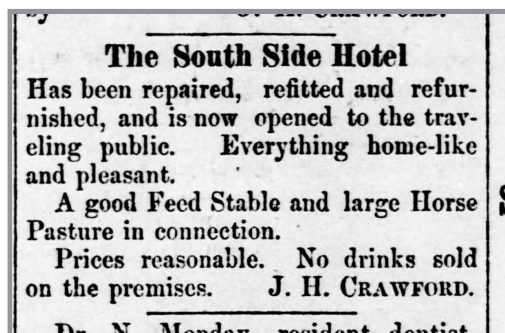
Has been repaired, refitted and refurnished, and is now opened to the traveling public. Everything home-like and pleasant.

A good Feed Stable and large Horse Pasture in connection.

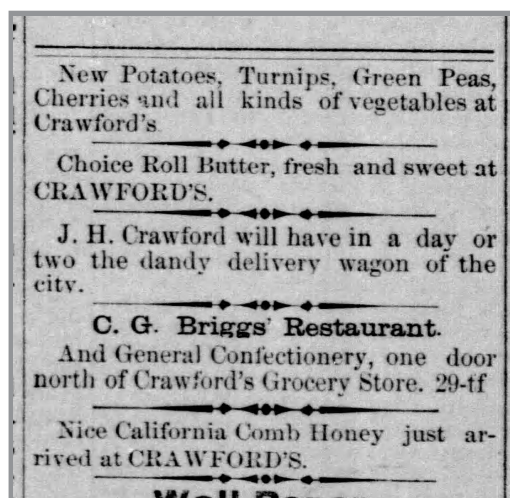
Prices reasonable. No drinks sold on the premises.

J.H. Crawford

Dodge City Times, July 2, 1885



Crossing the river was an almost daily task for J. H. Crawford and his family since he ran Crawford Grocers in Dodge City.



The need to connect those settlers on the south side of the river with the commerce district on the north side was behind the 'Free Bridge' movement.

### Free Bridge

There is nothing that would assist business in Dodge City and the improvement of Ford county so materially as a free bridge across the Arkansas river. Complaint reaches us every day in the week from the numerous settlers who are locating on the south side of the river. It looks to them like an outrage to be compelled to pay a dollar for bridge toll whenever they wish to visit the city or haul a load to the settlements. The business men of Dodge City should make some effort in this direction, as it is creating a prejudice in the minds of the settlers against the town. A dollar is a small sum in the eyes of many western people, but to those who are just from the east where dollars are not picked up so easily it is different, and they will go a good ways around rather than pay a dollar. If Spearville or Cimarron should build a bridge we would lose a very large trade. It should be the duty of the county officers, whose salaries have been increased to a very handsome pile, to spend a little time looking up this matter, knowing it to be for the benefit of their constituents, and notify the people through the Globe just what steps are necessary to be taken in order to build a bridge or purchase the old one.

The Dodge City Globe (Dodge City, Kansas) 25 March 1879, page 3.

In April of 1885, an agreement between the township board and the Dodge City Bridge Company was reached for the purchase of the existing bridge.

At a meeting of the Township Board the bridge bond question was the all absorbing topic before that body. As was reported in our last issue, the bridge bonds were issued on the 18th inst., and all that now remained was to get the bridge company to accept of the same as per agreement, which we regret to say the bridge company, through its president, R. M. Wright, refused to do, unless certain further concessions were made on the part of the board, to-wit: That on account of certain expenditures on the part of the bridge company, incurred in investigating the validity of the bonds and in subduing the opposition of the Santa Fe railroad company on the issuance of the same, he proposed to accept the \$6,000 in bond for the bridge and would give possession to the same on or before July 1st, 1885, the township to have the interest on said bonds from time of issuance to time of turning property over to the township, the bridge company entering



into a bond of \$10,000 with G. M. Hoover as surety, for the faithful performance of the contract so entered into with the township board. The board after consulting with a large number of tax-paying citizens, and finding a majority of the opinion that the proposition should be accepted as the best that could be done, accordingly delivered the bonds to the bridge company. So the question is settled. Before the great Fourth of July, with its spirit of Freedom, rolls around, the bridge will be free and those passing over independent of toll. The bridge is insured, and the policy will be assigned to the township.

The Dodge City Globe (Dodge City, Kansas) 28 April 1885, page 4

Thus, the toll bridge was no more and the South Dodge was connected to the main business district by a free bridge.



# What Happened Then?

Sunday, June 13, 2021

## Saturday Night Genealogy Fun — What Happened On Your Mother's Birth Date?

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans: It's Saturday Night again – Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!



Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):

1) What day was your Mother born? Where was she born? What day of the week was it? Tell us how you found out.

2) What has happened in recorded history on your Mother's birth date (day and month)? Tell us how you found out, and list five events.

3) What famous people have been born on your Mother's birth date? Tell us how you found out, and list five of them.

Instead of doing this for my mother, I'm going to use my grandmother, Winnie Letha Currey.

- Born 30 Jun 1903
- Born in Lansing, Leavenworth County, Kansas
- Born on a Tuesday

What happened on 30 June 1903? A Google search of the date led to a Wikipedia page for June 1903. On that page, major events for each of the days of the month are listed. According to this site, the following happened on 30 June 1903.

A meteorite fall, classification L6, is observed in Rich Mountain (Watauga County, North Carolina), United States.

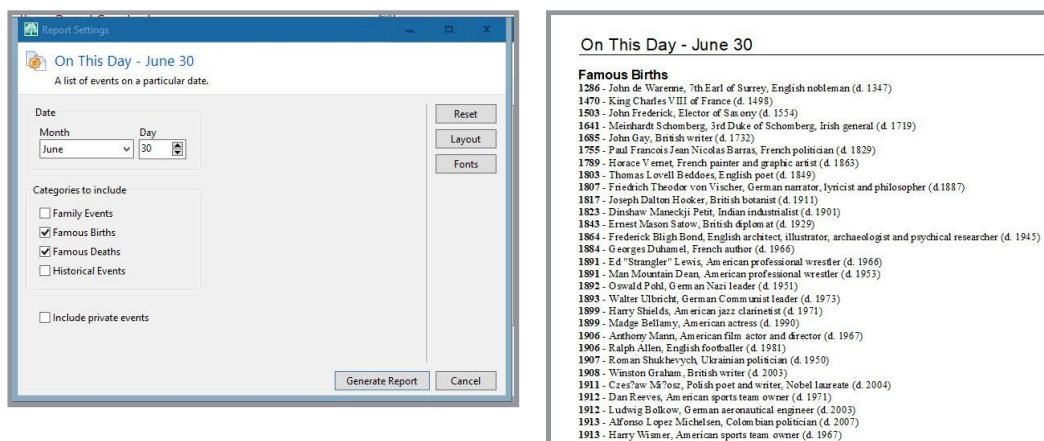
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/June\\_1903](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/June_1903)

For the second question, I googled “What Happened on 30 June”. The top site on the list of results led to the ‘On This Day’ website. Below are some of the events that occurred during her lifetime on her birthday.

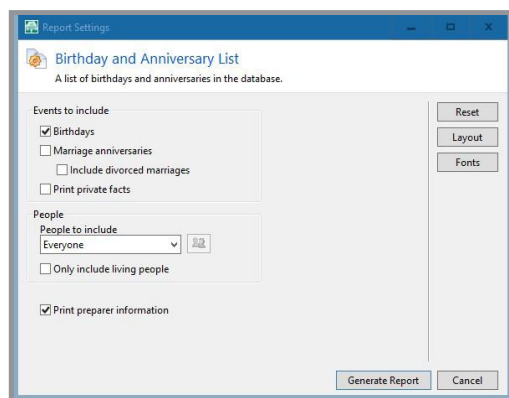
- 1921 – U.S. President Warren G. Harding appointed former President William Howard Taft chief justice of the United States.
- 1936 – Margaret Mitchell’s book, “Gone with the Wind,” was published.
- 1950 – U.S. President Harry Truman ordered U.S. troops into Korea and authorizes the draft.
- 1951 – On orders from Washington, General Matthew Ridgeway broadcasts that the United Nations was willing to discuss an armistice with North Korea.
- 1952 – CBS-TV debuted “The Guiding Light.”
- 1953 – The first Corvette rolled off the Chevrolet assembly line in Flint, MI. It sold for \$3,250.
- 1955 – The U.S. began funding West Germany’s rearmament.
- 1957 – The American occupation headquarters in Japan was dissolved.
- 1958 – The U.S. Congress passed a law authorizing the admission of Alaska as the 49th state in the Union.
- 1962 – Los Angeles Dodger Sandy Koufax pitched his first no-hitter in a game with the New York Mets.
- 1970 – The Cincinnati Reds moved to their new home at Riverfront Stadium.
- 1971 – The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the government could not prevent the Washington Post or the New York Times from publishing the Pentagon Papers.
- 1971 – The 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified when Ohio became the 38th state to approve it. The amendment lowered the minimum voting age to 18.
- 1974 – The July 4th scene from the Steven Spielberg movie “Jaws” was filmed.
- 1977 – U.S. President Jimmy Carter announced his opposition to the B-1 bomber.
- 1984 – The longest professional football game took place in the United States Football League (USFL). The Los Angeles Express beat the Michigan Panthers 27-21 after 93 minutes and 33 seconds.
- 1985 – Yul Brynner left his role as the King of Siam after 4,600 performances in “The King and I.”
- 1986 – The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that states could outlaw homosexual acts between consenting adults.

When it comes to the third question, it is easy to google ‘who was born’ on a date. However, it is more difficult to find people that my grandmother might have known. Of the several lists I found, Michael Tyson’s name was the only one that my grandmother might have recognized.

Tackling this ‘question’ from a different perspective, there is a RootsMagic report called, ‘On This Day List’. Setting the options on that report to “Famous Births” and “Famous Deaths” produces a list of famous people born on June 30th.



Another report in RootsMagic that provides a different perspective for this question is the 'Birthday and Anniversary List' Report. By removing the checks by 'Marriage Anniversaries' in the report setup, a report of birthdays can be printed.



Since I included everyone, this report is quite lengthy. There are quite a few people in my database who share a birthday with my grandmother.

30 June 1751	Cornelius Banta (270)
30 June 1784	Elizabeth Maxwell (237)
30 June 1861	John Guttridge (160)
30 June 1863	Clemuel W. Ricketts (158)
30 June 1872	Charles Ruggles (149)
30 June 1874	Stella L. Cronkite (147)
30 June 1876	Frank Ricketts (145)
30 June 1893	James Franklin Rush (128)
30 June 1894	Bessie Elizabeth Crawford (127)
30 June 1897	Amet Vance Crudge (124)
30 June 1900	Dora P Freeman (121)
30 June 1900	Ethel Lucile Hazleton (121)
30 June 1903	Winnie Letha Currey (118)
30 June 1908	Mary Ann Ricketts (113)

I'm thankful I investigated the RootsMagic reports. I find it more interesting to see who I have in my file who shares a birthday with my grandmother than which famous people might share her birthday.

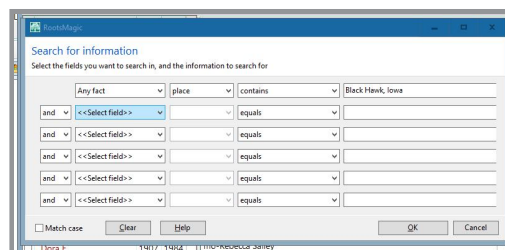
# Crossing Paths

Monday, June 14, 2021

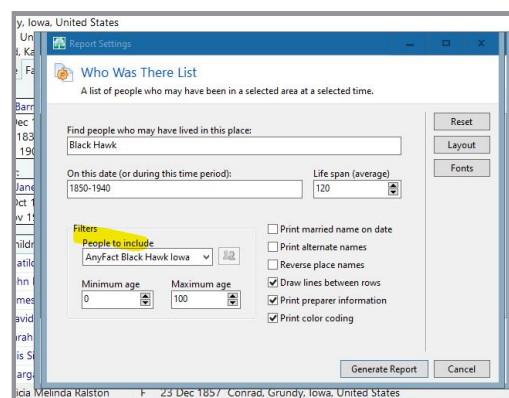
As you are researching your ancestors do you ever find a family living in the same county as ancestors or cousins from a totally different branch of your tree? That's been my experience recently.

I've been researching three generations of descendants of James Barr Ralston recently. As I've been working my way thru his children and their families, I have encountered quite a few of them with ties to Black Hawk County, Iowa. Black Hawk County, Iowa is where my ancestor, Julia Harding was married to Albert Hutchinson. My Ralston line is on my dad's dad's side of my tree. My Hutchinson/Harding branch is on my dad's mom's side of the tree. These two lines do not connect in my tree until my grandparents marry in Dodge City, Kansas.

Curious as to who all was in Black Hawk county at some time, I decided to create a 'Who Was There' report. Since this report takes a while to generate, I created a 'Marked Group' for anyone with a fact place containing Black Hawk, Iowa.



With the marked group created, I can now generate a 'Who Was There' report limited to the people in this marked group.



Not only does this create a nice report of everyone with a fact placing them in Black Hawk County Iowa between 1850 and 1940, but it keeps the color coding. The color coding is a visual clue to the fact that different branches of my tree were in Black Hawk County.

Who Was There (Black Hawk, 1850-1940)						27 May 2021
Name	Born	Died	Age	Place		
<b>Nary E-1004</b>	abt 1841			Winnipeg, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1870)		
<b>Baker, Alma M-7642</b>	abt 1848		2	Cass, Winnie, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1870)		
<b>Barnes, Alice Margaret-1880</b>	10 Jun 1912	13 Mar 1941	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Barnes, Delavan-1884</b>	24 Jul 1850	8 Oct 1940	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Barnes, Earl Douglas Delavan-1884</b>	8 Apr 1899	4 Nov 1983	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Barnes, Hazel Estelle-11890</b>	19 Dec 1891	25 Feb 1947	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Barnes, Henry Martha-11890</b>	20 Feb 1893	3 May 1942	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		

Who Was There (Black Hawk, 1850-1940)						27 May 2021
Name	Born	Died	Age	Place		
<b>Barnes, James Mahon-1884</b>	1924	1943	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Barnes, Jennie-11889</b>	27 Nov 1890	28 Apr 1978	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Barnes, John Ellis Ransom-11887</b>	10 Feb 1887	5 Apr 1961	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Barnes, John Ellis Ransom</b>	25 Sep 1916	8 Mar 2008	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Barnes, Lloyd William-11888</b>	20 Oct 1888	14 Dec 1941	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Barnes, Mary Jane-11888</b>	10 Jun 1880	4 May 1971	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Barnes, Stanley-11891</b>	7 Feb 1898	28 Sep 1985	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Bell, Raymond A-11600</b>	1889	1958	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Bocher, O'Rana-11443</b>	1 Nov 1928	30 Apr 1990	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Boyer, Ellen-11239</b>	abt 1889		0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Boyer, Randolph E-11239</b>	abt 1906		0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Butler, Randolph E-11239</b>	abt 1906		0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		

Who Was There (Black Hawk, 1850-1940)						27 May 2021
Name	Born	Died	Age	Place		
<b>Evans, Agnes M-1008</b>	13 May 1887	10 Feb 1928	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Evans, Harry Henderson-1008</b>	Mar 1889	1970	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Evans, Ed A-1039</b>	17 May 1892	4 Apr 1945	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Evans, Minnie-1938</b>	4 Oct 1900	10 Jun 1948	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Evans, William H-494</b>	Jun 1855		0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Frank, Herbert-18392</b>	28 Apr 1916		0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Frank, Morris Elizabeth-13484</b>	21 Jun 1922	16 Jun 2001	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		

Who Was There (Black Hawk, 1850-1940)						27 May 2021
Name	Born	Died	Age	Place		
<b>Frank, Maurice Fred-1008</b>	27 Jun 1919	1 Jun 2004	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Frank, Richard-1008</b>	1928		0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Frank, Warren-1008</b>	11 Oct 1894	8 Jun 1970	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Harding, Caroline-64</b>	abt 1830	abt 1883	20	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Harding, Maria C-475</b>	Sep 1857		0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Harding, Isabelle-64</b>	21 Aug 1844	27 Dec 1905	6	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Harding, John-61</b>	1846	4 Jun 1892	10	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		

Who Was There (Black Hawk, 1850-1940)						27 May 2021
Name	Born	Died	Age	Place		
<b>Harding, Minerva E-474</b>	Apr 1894		0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Harding, Thomas-63</b>	abt 1834	18 Nov 1883	18	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Harding, Wilcox-64</b>	17 Aug 1883		47	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Harding, Wilcox Henry-64</b>	15 Apr 1848	17 Apr 1917	4	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Harris, Myrtle L-10032</b>	abt 1882		0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Henderson, Eliza-972</b>	abt 23 Nov 1817	23 May 1887	33	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Hutchinson, Albert-820</b>	abt 1838	22 Jul 1898	12	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Hutchinson, Albert G-822</b>	9 Jun 1861	11 Apr 1922	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Hutchinson, Gertrude-824</b>	12 Jul 1880	1 Oct 1914	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Hutchinson, William Henry-824</b>	2 Mar 1845	15 May 1918	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Hutchinson, Mary</b>	1877	1942	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		

Who Was There (Black Hawk, 1850-1940)						27 May 2021
Name	Born	Died	Age	Place		
<b>Kennedy, Andrew S-10984</b>	2 Nov 1811	11 Dec 1900	35	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Kendall, J. M-11430</b>	1894	1928	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Kendall, Tilda-11441</b>	27 Jul 1903	18 Oct 1981	0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Kerr, Edward-10984</b>	abt 1862		0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
<b>Kerr, Edward-10984</b>	abt 1862		0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		
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<b>Kerr, Edward-10984</b>	abt 1862		0	Burns, Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880)		

Who Was There (Black Hawk, 1850-1940)					27 May 2021
Name	Born	Died	Age	Place	
<b>Pearford, Rachel-939</b>	abt 1844		8	Census: Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1870) Census: Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880) Census: Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1890) Census: Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1870)	
<b>Pearford, Walter-640</b>	1848	11 Nov 1917	4	Census: Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880) Census: Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1870) Census: Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1880) Census: East Waterloo Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1900) Residence: Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1900) Census: Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1900) Census: East Waterloo Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1910)	
<b>Pearford, Walter Egbert-1040</b>	May 1881		0	Census: East Waterloo Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1900) Census: Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1900)	
<b>Rahma, Rusty LaVone-18798</b>	4 Sep 1928	1998	0	Residence: Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1970) Residence: Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1971)	
<b>Rahma, Margaret-1140</b>	18 Apr 1854	17 Mar 1958	0	Residence: Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1940) Residence: Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1900) Residence: Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1910) Residence: Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1915)	
<b>Rahma, Thomas Van-18799</b>	1913	18 Jun 2003	0	Residence: Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1940) Residence: Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1970) Residence: Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1970)	
<b>Robinson, Hazel-11239</b>	Apr 1898		0	Residence: Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1940)	
<b>Spragg, Caroline-11351</b>	abt 1860	1818	0	Residence: Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1870)	
<b>Spragg, Charlotte-11364</b>	1880	1899	0	Residence: Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1870)	
<b>Spragg, George Frederick-1401</b>	24 Oct 1857	18 Dec 1878	0	Residence: Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1870)	
<b>Spragg, John B.-1003</b>	19 Nov 1818	12 Oct 1888	0	Residence: Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1870)	

Who Was There (Black Hawk, 1850-1940)					27 May 2021
Name	Born	Died	Age	Place	
<b>Spragg, John B.-12238</b>	Oct 1885		0	Marriage: Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1907)	
<b>Spragg, Thomas Augustus-11277</b>	2 Dec 1910		0	Marriage: Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1911)	
<b>Spragg, William H.-1061</b>	abt 1855	1883	0	Residence: Mount Vernon Township, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1870)	
<b>Spragg, Winifred-11386</b>	31 Jan 1882	13 May 1882	0	Birth: Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1882) Death: Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1882)	
<b>Steven, Walter Martin-11601</b>	22 Nov 1879	16 Nov 1951	0	Marriage: Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States (1902)	

This report confirms what I was seeing while researching the descendants of James Barr Ralston. The color coding makes it easy to spot the various family lines.

NOTE: The above report may not contain everyone who should be on it. I recently discovered that if I don't have a birth and death date for an individual, then they will not be included on this report.



## Crossing Paths 2

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

As you are researching your ancestors do you ever find a family living in the same county as ancestors or cousins from a totally different branch of your tree? That's been my experience recently.

Yesterday, while following up on a comment on a blog post about a reader's potential connection to my Garrard County, Kentucky research, I stumbled upon such a situation. I discovered a reference to Osbourn Bland as one of the survivors taken prisoner at Blue Licks in the Winter 2006 issue of Kentucky ancestors.

**Aftermath of the battle**

In his, *History of Kentucky* Humphrey Marshall stated that "never had Kentucky experienced so fatal a blow, as that at the Blue Licks."

Marshall also stated that "The whole loss on the side of Kentucky was sixty killed, and seven made prisoners." He added that the Indians massacred four of the prisoners. It would seem that number was somewhat higher. At the surrender of Fort Ticonderoga in July 1783, 16 of the American prisoners released were survivors taken at Blue Licks, they were:

Elijah Allen	John Beasley
John Bland	Osburn Bland
Thomas Blenfield	Hugh Cunningham
James Ledgerwood	John McMurtry
John Morgan	John Neal
Jesse Peck	John Price
Lewis Rose	Mathias Rose
John Stepleton	Jesse Yocum?

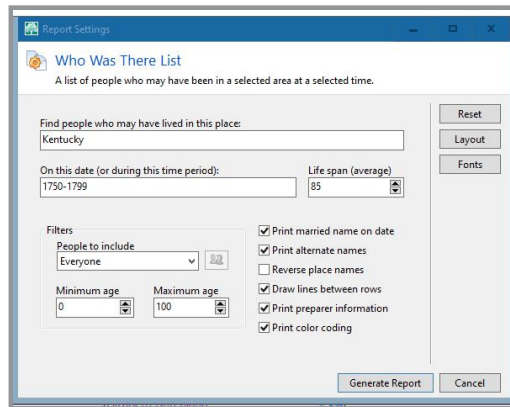
Trowbridge, John M. "We Are All Slaughtered Men': The Battle of Blue Licks," Kentucky Ancestors. Winter 2006 Vol. 42, No. 2 p. 61.

This would place an Osburn Bland in Madison County, Kentucky a little before my Crawford line. Now this may not be my Osburn Bland, but it might be. I have tax lists showing an Osborne Bland living in Nelson county prior to 1800. Much more research will need to be done to figure out if this is the same person – or NOT.

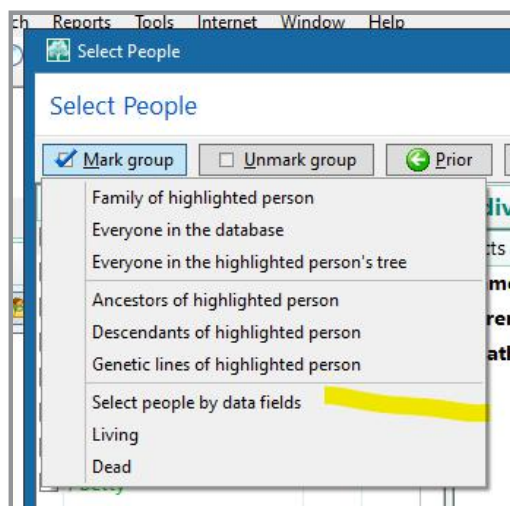
Again, my Bland line is on my dad's mother's side of the tree while my Garrard/Madison County, Kentucky research is on my dad's dad's side of the tree, my Crawford line.

Because of this instance where one branch of my tree seems to cross paths with another branch, I decided to investigate the 'Who Was There' report in my genealogy software. I've used this report to identify people in Kansas in 1950. However, I've never run the report for a specific county or for a range of time or both. Thus, I decided to try this report for Kentucky prior to 1800.

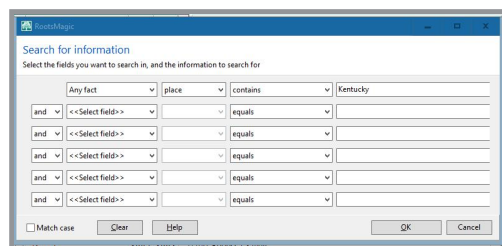




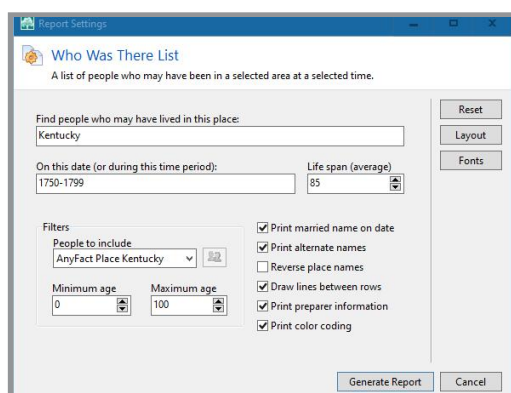
Because I have a relatively large database with lots of facts, this report takes a long time to create. To help speed up the process, I created a marked group using the option to 'select people by data fields'



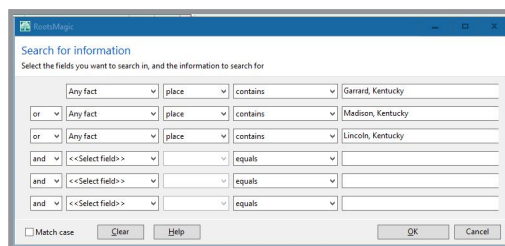
Then I configured the 'Search for Information' to find 'Any Fact' with the 'place' containing 'Kentucky'.



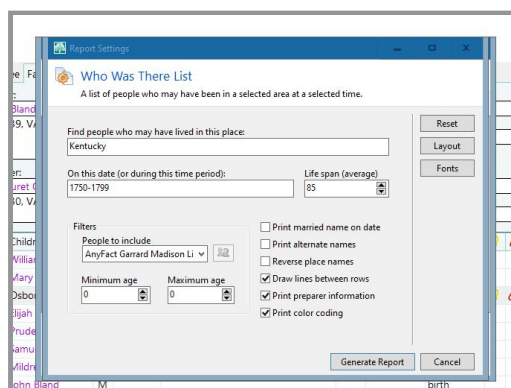
After saving the group, I can now go back to the 'Who Was There List' Report and use that marked group instead of 'Everyone' for the people to include.



The report still takes a bit of time to generate results, but it produced a 24 page report of the individuals with a fact placing them in Kentucky between 1750-1799. To narrow that down to the area of Garrard, Madison and Lincoln Counties, I created a new marked group. (Note: This uses OR between each of the statements.)



Using this new 'AnyFact Garrard Madison Lincoln' group, I re-created the 'Who Was There' Report.



This produced an 8 page report.

Who Was There (Kentucky, 1750-1799)				27 May 2021
Name	Born	Died	Age	Place
____, Mary-1413	abt 1733	bef 1826	0	Land-Purch: Madison, Kentucky, United States (1791) Tax: Madison, Kentucky, United States (1792) Land-Sold: Madison, Kentucky, United States (1793) Land-Sold: Garrard, Kentucky, United States (1797) Death: Fleming, Kentucky, United States (1826) Marriage: Madison, Kentucky, United States (1793)
Adams, Feathergill-13256	4 Feb 1755	9 Nov 1807	0	Tax: Garrard, Kentucky, United States (1800) Land-Purch: Garrard, Kentucky, United States (1803) Burial: Buckeye, Garrard, Kentucky, United States (1870)
Adams, John B.-13278	27 Apr 1791	1870	0	Birth: Madison, Kentucky, United States (1791) Death: Rockcastle, Kentucky, United States (1870)
Adams, Judith-13283	16 Jan 1783	23 Aug 1870	0	Burial: Buckeye, Garrard, Kentucky, United States (1870) Death: Garrard, Kentucky, United States (1870)
Adams, Martha "Patty"-13282	16 Jan 1793	25 Jun 1861	0	Birth: Sugar Creek, Garrard, Kentucky (1793) Death: Shelby, Kentucky, United States (1861) Burial: Kentucky, United States (1861) Marriage: Garrard, Kentucky, United States (1808)
Adams, Reuben-13286	abt 1799		0	Birth: Garrard, Kentucky, United States (1799)
Adams, Virginia "Jenny"-13284	20 Aug 1780	12 Dec 1804	0	Death: Garrard, Kentucky, United States (1804)
Anderson, Margaret-10222		9 Jan 1828		Residence (fam): Garrard, Kentucky, United States (1793)
Banta, Daniel-16778	1765	15 Dec 1827	0	Marriage: Lincoln, Kentucky, United States (1784)

I thought I was finished. That was until I scanned this report and discovered it didn't pick up Osborn Bland. After much hair pulling, consultation with others and more hair pulling, I discovered that Osborn Bland wasn't included on the 'Who Was There' report because I didn't have a birth fact and a death fact for Osborn Bland.

This discovery led me to the 'Missing Information List' report. To start with I selected the 'death' fact and set the criteria to either be missing or with a blank date. I then changed the people to include to my marked group for Garrard, Madison and Lincoln counties.

I discovered three pages of people in the marked group for Garrard, Madison and Lincoln counties that don't have a death fact. Thus none of these people will show up on a 'Who Was There Report' for Garrard, Madison and Lincoln Counties.

\_, Hannah-10231  
 Abrams, Elizabeth-10219  
 Adams, Jane Jean-13252  
 Adams, Reuben-13286  
 Anderson, Anne-10225  
 Anderson, Betsey-10224  
 Anderson, Isaac-10227  
 Anderson, James-10226  
 Anderson, Mary-10223  
 Anderson, Samuel-10228  
 Banta, Hendrick-16927  
 Brown, Aristippus-13500

Brown, Margaret-10210  
Campbell, Susannah-10212  
Clark, William-10383  
Crawford, Anne-1447  
Crawford, Archibald-10209  
Crawford, Elizabeth-10380  
Crawford, Elizabeth-13499  
Crawford, Isaac-1454  
Crawford, James-8577  
Crawford, Jenny-10217  
Crawford, John-1412  
Crawford, John-8574  
Crawford, John-10062  
Crawford, John-10071  
Crawford, Joseph-10211  
Crawford, Milton-10218  
Crawford, Molly-8579  
Crawford, Oliver-10220  
Crawford, Rebecca-8578  
Crawford, Sarah-6761  
Crawford, Sarah-10384  
Crawford, William-10385  
Croucher, Edward-14946  
Crutcher, Absolem-14949  
Crutcher, David-14951  
Crutcher, Elizabeth-14948  
Crutcher, Lucinda-14950  
Crutcher, William-14945  
Davis, Betsy-10386  
Davis, Elizabeth-9980  
Dooley, Henry-13306  
Elder, William-5260  
Ellis, Sally-10382  
Estes, Delina-10221  
Garrett, Ignatius-10379  
Gass, John-10232  
Harris, David-16730  
Harris, Leah-16734  
Kennedy, Elizabeth-14971  
Maxwell, Bazeleel-10229  
McAlester, Sarah-6762  
McClary, Samuel-172  
Miller, Elizabeth-13541  
Miller, Jacob-13498  
Montgomery, Benjamin-10206  
Moore, Alexander-11622  
Morrison, William M.-10478  
Reed, Joseph-14024  
Rolston, Andrew-10216  
Seever, Annie-16797  
Sellers, John Finley-5252  
Sellers, Nathan-5257

Sellers, Samuel-10381  
Shuck, Sally-16928  
Smith, Polly-10207  
Yewell, Mary-5258

Thus, I have work to do if I want this report to include everyone in the region. I will probably use FamilySearch to figure out approximate birth and death dates.

# Duplicate Citations

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

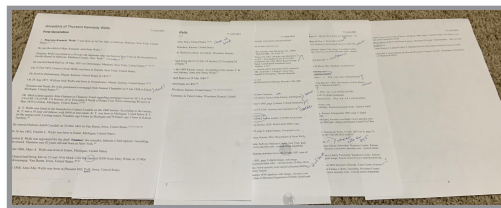
Have you ever thought about why someone blogs? I know I don't think about that question when I'm reading other blogs.

I was asked about my blog recently and I think my answer surprised the person asking. Of course, I want to reach other family members thru my blog. That's why I have posts dedicated to sharing pictures or transcribing records.

However, some of my posts are more for me than for others. Even though my narrative report posts might help other researchers, I post them because they make me work thru the facts and sources I have for an individual.

I'm currently working my way thru my 2nd great grandparents, whom I've had in my files for quite some time. Thus, some of my citations are older and deficient, leading to lots of work to bring those citations up to today's standards.

My current project is Thurston Kennedy Wells (1821-1893).



Fixing the sentences is a relative easy task. The sources, however, are a different story. As would be the case with a wide variety of source types, some of my sources are used for multiple facts. In RootsMagic 7, that means finding all of the different places a source is used and either correcting each one individually or using the memorize/paste feature to copy the corrected source from one fact to another.

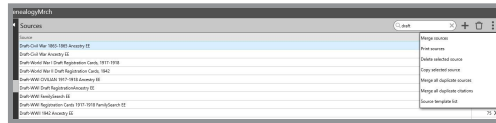
That tedious work is why I'm sitting here wishing for the features of RootsMagic 8. It is my understanding that in RM 8, I can change the information for a citation and that change will be made for every use of that citation. To verify that I am correct in my understanding of this new feature, I decided to try it out with Thurston Kennedy Wells in my RM8 database. (NOTE: First, my understanding about the ability to merge citations was wrong. Second, I am using a copy of my database and NOT my primary version since RM8 is still in preview.)

One of the sources that appears a couple of times is a reference to a civil war draft record. Not only do I have multiple citations, but I have two sources that refer to this one source.

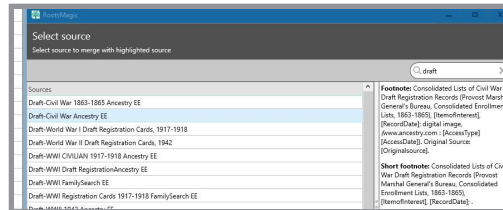


After carefully studying these two sources, I believe they are the same source and thus wish to merge them. To do this in the current version (7.9.300.0 dated 11 Jun 2021) of

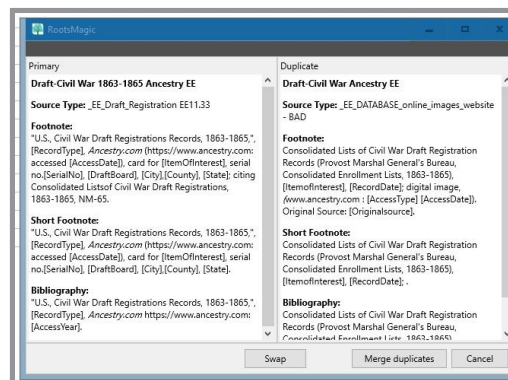
RM8, I highlight the source that I want to keep and then click on the three vertical dots in the upper right corner of the sources window.



From that menu, I selected 'Merge Sources'. The Select Source window opened and I located the duplicate source using the search function.

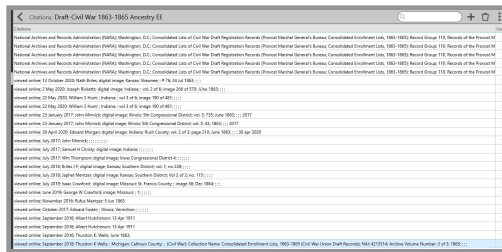


Making sure that I have the duplicate source highlighted, I click on the OK button at the bottom of the box. This opens a window comparing the primary and duplicate sources. In my case, they are not exactly the same. Thus, I need to proceed with caution, making sure (a) I want to merge them and (b) that the source I want to keep is in the pane on the left.

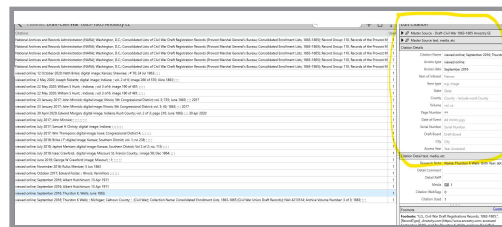


Once I have verified that everything is as I want it, I can click 'Merge Duplicates'. Now, I have one source with 25 citations. Some of these citations are not very informative and will require some extra work to correct. Since these citations are not for Thurston K. Wells, I am going to ignore them for now. At the bottom of the list are two citations for Thurston K. Wells. One is attached as a source for his name and the other is attached as a source for his draft fact.

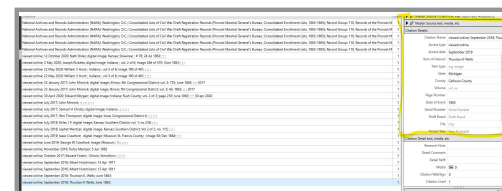




Since these two citations should be the same, I am going to use the ability to edit the citation from the Sources screen so that the two instances for Thurston K. Wells match.



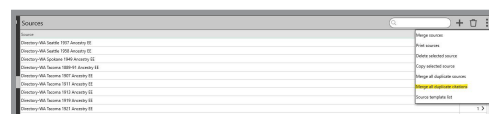
After looking at the two citations, I have concluded that I want to keep the bottom citation. Thus, I take a screen shot of the Citations Details for that citation.



With that image visible on my screen, I can fill in the Citation Details for the other Citations. Now, when I go back to Thurston Wells and look at the two uses of this source, they have been updated to newer standards and they are the same.

Ideally, I would like to be able to 'merge' these citations. However, being able to see the citations and edit them based on the source is easier than trying to find them attached to various facts.

In RootsMagic 8, there is the ability to 'Merge Duplicate Citations'.



It is my understanding that this function will ONLY work if the citations match exactly — spacing, punctuation, etc. It also goes thru all citations and merges any/all duplicates found. I believe this is a task I will need to do when I first transfer my data over to RM8.

Out of curiosity, I ran this 'Merge All Duplicate Citations' function on my test database and it merged over 40,000 citations. (Be patient, this can take a while.)

Going back to my civil war draft source, I was curious as to which citations were merged.

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My two citations for Thurston K. Wells were NOT merged since one has a period after the K and the other one does not. However, the 5 incorrect citations at the top were merged — even though they likely should not have been.

So what have I learned thru this experiment in RM8

- I don't want to use the Merge All Duplicate Citations feature unless I'm willing to admit that some citations will get merged that I don't want merged.
- It is easier to clean up citations in RM8 from the Sources screen than having to locate each use of a source for an individual in RM7.
- I still have work to do getting the sources cleaned up for my report on Thurston Kennedy Wells.

# Throwback Thursday

Thursday, June 17, 2021

Crawford Family



# Gold Star Mother

Friday, June 18, 2021

Have you encountered a 'Gold Star Mother' in your genealogy research. Even though I've researched women who lost sons in battle I've come across my first mention of a 'Gold Star Mother' in an obituary.

Blanche Eva Lighter

The Rev. Lee Webb, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, will officiate at funeral services to be conducted in the chapel of the Brusie Funeral Home Saturday at 2 p.m. for Mrs. Blanche Eva Lighter, who died at her home on Tuesday morning.

Memorial services, under the auspices of the Chico Chapter of the Gold Star Mothers, will be conducted in the chapel of the Brusie Funeral Home Friday at 7 p.m.

Interment will take place in Pine Creek Cemetery by the side of her late husband, Ray Lighter.

"Blanche Eva Lighter," *The Chico Enterprise-Record* (Chico, California), 8 November 1962, page 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 27 May 2021).

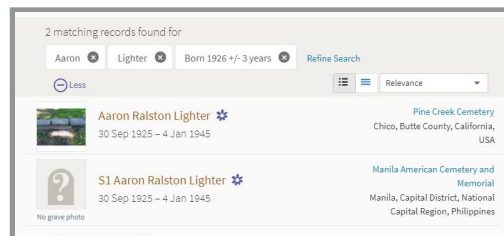


For Eva Lighter to be a Gold Star Mother, one of her children had to have died while serving in the military. 1930 census records for the family indicated that Eva and her husband, Ray, had three sons: Howard, Bruce and Aaron.

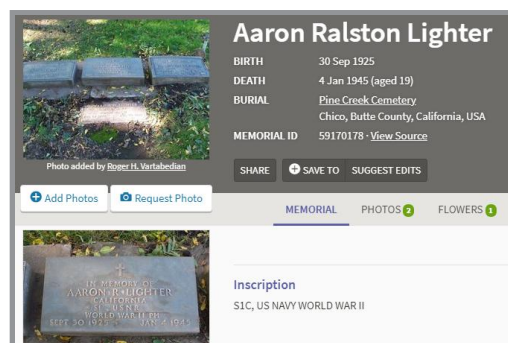
A black and white photograph of a 1930 census record for the Lighter family. The record shows the names and ages of the family members, including Blanche Eva Lighter and her three sons: Howard, Bruce, and Aaron.

1930 U.S. Census, Orange County, California, population schedule, Newport Beach Township, Orange County, California, ED 30-51, Sheet 12A Image 23 of 61, family 334, Ray Lighter; digital images, Ancestry.com ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : viewed online 27 May 2021); NARA microfilm publication T626.

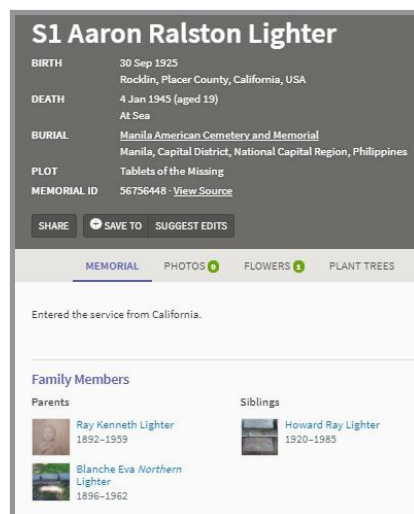
Since I have death dates after 1980 for Howard Lighter and Bruce Lighter, that left Aaron Lighter as the possible person who died while serving our country. A quick search of Find a Grave, shows two records for Aaron Ralston Lighter.



The entry for Pine Creek cemetery includes a picture of a tombstone for Aaron Lighter.



While the entry for the manila American Cemetery and Memorial has links to his parents and a brother.



Knowing that Aaron Lighter was killed in action in 1945, a search of newspapers for more

details about his death turned up several articles. An article in the Chico Record indicates that Aaron Lighter died when the ship he was on was struck by a suicide Japanese bomber.

#### Aaron Ralston Lighter Killed in Mindoro Explosion Navy Says

Aaron Ralston Lighter, of Chico, seaman first class of the U.S. Naval Reserve, lost his life in January of this year during a suicide attack on his ship, the U.S.S. Lewis L. Dycke, by a Japanese plane, a navy department message to his mother revealed yesterday.

The Lewis L. Dycke was anchored in Mindoro Harbor of the Philippines, on January 4, when the attack occurred, the communication revealed.

The ship, cargoed with bombs and fuses, exploded in a manner "so violent that it caused the ship to disintegrate completely," H. B. Atkinson, commander, USNR, wrote to Mrs. Ray Lighter of Route 2, Box 235A, here.

The ship sank immediately, and left no trace of survivors, according to the communication.

"Aaron Ralston Lighter Killed in Mindoro Explosion Navy Says," Chico Record (Chico, California), 8 December 1945, page 8; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 27 May 2021).



The story of the U.S.S. Lewis L. Dyche can be found on Wikipedia.

Thus, the death of Aaron Ralston Lighter aboard the U.S.S. Lewis L. Dyche in Mindoro Bay made his mother, Eva Northern Lighter a Gold Star Mother.





# Dads in my tree

Saturday, June 19, 2021

(2) My Dad (1927-2006)

- 4 children – 3 sons and 1 daughter
- 1 child died at a day old
- Served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Oneida (APA-221)
- College graduate
- was a science teacher in high schools, Dodge City Junior College and Kansas State Teachers College (now called Emporia State University)

(4) Leon Crawford (1894-1976)

- Married Winnie Letha Currey (1903-1992) in 1919
- 3 children – 2 sons and a daughter
- 1 child died as an infant and another died as a young adult
- Served in the U.S. Army as a wagoner at St. Misner 2nd Battle of the Marne
- worked as a switchman for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad at Dodge City, Kansas

(6) Edward Osmond Briles (1891-1956)

- Married Pauline Edith Mentzer (1896-1984) in 1915
- 5 children – 2 sons and 3 daughters
- 1 child died as an infant
- did not serve in the military
- Farmed and ran a threshing machine
- Owned a Briles Auto Repair and Garage before 1930
- Owned movie theaters after 1930

(8) Judson Foster Crawford (1866-1949)

- Married Josie Winifred Hammond (1874-1954) in 1890
- 7 children – 3 sons and 4 daughters
- 1 son died in a railroad accident
- Did not serve in the military
- Worked for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad

(10) Hiram Miles Currey (1866-1891)

- Married Winnie May Hutchinson (1871-1913) in 1891
- 9 children – 5 sons and 4 daughters
- 2 children died as infants; 1 son died at age 13
- Wife died when youngest child an infant
- Did not serve in the military
- Attended college
- held a variety of jobs: miner, magnetic healer, preacher, farmer, teamster, baker, carpenter

(12) Edward Grant Briles (1869-1951)

- Married Frances Artlissa "Artie" Ricketts (1868-1947) in 1890
- 4 children – 2 sons and 2 daughters
- Did not serve in the military
- Farmer

(14) Charles Oliver Mentzer (1869-1955)

- Married Nettie Adell Wells (1873-1939) in 1893
- 5 children – 3 sons and 2 daughters
- Married Nettie Adell Wells in 1893
- Did not serve in the military
- Farmer

(16) Washington Marion Crawford (1838-1889)

- Married Mary Foster (1842-1929) in 1860
- 5 children – 3 daughters and sons
- 1 daughter died as a teen
- Served for 2nd New York Calvary during Civil War
- Captured and held prisoner at Andersonville and Libby Prison
- Homesteaded in Ford County, Kansas
- Farmer

(18) Richmond Fisk Hammond (1840-1928)

- Married Sarah Ellen Ralston (1849-1892) in 1867
- 9 children identified in Hammond genealogies – but 3 born prior to marriage; 6 sons and 3 daughters
- son, Glenn, died as an infant
- Served as a private in Company E 17 Illinois Volunteers
- Served in the 1st Illinois Cavalry Volunteers
- Served as a private in Company D of the 14th Illinois Cavalry
- Captured near Atlanta and held prisoner at Andersonville
- Homesteaded in Ford County, Kansas
- Married Mary McClure in 1897 and had another daughter
- Married Mary A. Reynold in 1906
- Carpenter

(20) Hiram M. Currey (1835 – 1901)

- Married Angelina Jane Burke (1836-1901) in 1856
- 10 children – 6 sons and 4 daughters
- 1 child died as an infant while another died at age 12
- Served in Company B of the 12th Cavalry Regiment of the Kansas State Militia
- farmer

(22) Albert Hutchinson (1838-1896)

- Married Julia Harding (1840-1892) in 1859
- 11 Children – 7 sons and 4 daughters
- Death dates unknown for 4 of the children; another son died at age 14
- Married Honore Eliza Van Valkenburg in 1893 and had another son
- Served in Company D of the 1st Regiment of the Iowa Cavalry
- May have farmed, but moved around a lot

(24) Noah Washington Briles (1840-1879)

- Married Sarah Jane Thompson in 1866
- 2 Children – a son and a daughter
- Served in Company I, 1st Regiment Iowa Cavalry Volunteers
- Farmer

(26) James Marshall Ricketts (1847 – 1920)

- Married Rachel Elmeda Christy (1845-1927) in 1866
- 8 Children – 2 sons and 6 daughters
- Twin daughters died about 13 months old
- Served as a private in Co. K of the 7th Regiment of the Indiana Cavalry Volunteers
- Farmer

(28) George Mentzer (1838-1912)

- Married Emeline Minnick (1848-1927) in 1867
- 8 Children – 6 sons and 2 daughters
- Served in Company C of the 24th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers
- Learned trade of comb making
- managed a meat market
- Farmed
- Plaintiff in court case, Menzer, et al. vs Creamery Association of Yates Center

(30) Thurston Kennedy Wells (1821-1893)

- Married Sarah Hall (d bef 1860) in 1851; she was the mother of 2 sons
- Married Salome Adell Crandall (1836-1893) in 1861; she was the mother of 4 children – 2 of whom died young; 2 daughters survived to adulthood
- Did not serve during civil war due to injury
- Farmed

## Birthday Girl

Sunday, June 20, 2021

These pictures are from a few years ago, but mom is celebrating another birthday today.



# Burke Findings

Monday, June 21, 2021

Do you ever struggle trying to verify the death of a female ancestor? I've struggled for years with Elizabeth Ann Bland Burke.

Elizabeth and her husband Henry F. Burke were living in Platte County, Missouri in 1840 with three young children. Henry Burke died in 1845 leaving behind his wife Elizabeth and 5 children: Angelina Jane, Milton E., Sarah E., Pamilla A. and John Martin Burke.

Five years later, Elizabeth Burke is listed as the head of household on the 1850 census with the five children living in Weston, Missouri (Platte County). The 1860 census also shows Elizabeth as the head of household living in Marshall Township, Platte County, Missouri.

Elizabeth seems to disappear after that. Until recently, the only possible record I've found for her was a marriage record of a Mrs. Jane Burke to Joseph Moor. Since I have not found any record tying a Mrs. Moor to any of the five children, I am doubtful that the Mrs. Jane Burke is Elizabeth Jane Bland Burke.

Since the daughters, Angelina Jane Currey and Sarah Hornbuckle file a petition against John Burke and Milton Burke seeking partition of Burke land in 1876, I believe this indicates that Elizabeth Burke had passed away prior to 1876.

Then a few years ago, a site for Elizabeth Burke appeared on Find a Grave in the same cemetery where her husband is buried (Laurel Hill Cemetery). This site is using the date of the court case as the death date. It is possible that Elizabeth is buried beside her husband, but I have yet to find a tombstone for Elizabeth. The tombstone pictured is up the hill from Henry Burke's stone. It is for Eleazor Wilhite.

Thinking that Elizabeth and Eleazor may have married, I started investigating that possibility only to find that Eleazor did not marry Elizabeth. In the process of researching this possibility, I stumbled across a reference to a probate record for Elizabeth in The Border Times (Weston, Missouri).

## Public Administrator Notice

By virtue of Orders of the Probate Court of Platte County, made June 6th, 1864, I have taken charge of the following estates:

Elizabeth Burke

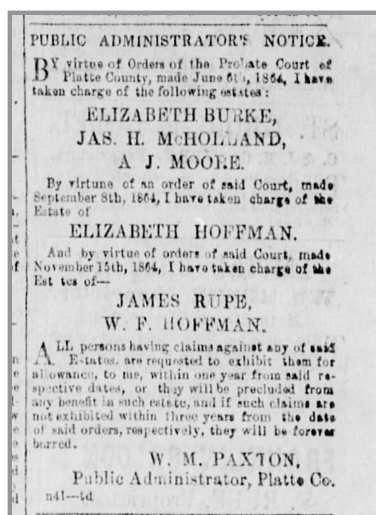
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All persons having claims against any of said Estates are requested to exhibit them for allowance, to me, within one year from said respective dates, or they will be precluded from any benefit in such estate, and if such claims are not exhibited within three years from the date of said orders, respectively, they will be forever barred.

W. M. Paxton

Public Administrator, Platte Co.

"Public Administrator's Notice," The Border Times (Weston, Missouri), 30 December 1864, page 2; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspaper.com](http://www.newspaper.com) : viewed online 29 May 2021).



"Public Administrator's Notice," The Border Times (Weston, Missouri), 30 December 1864, page 2; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspaper.com](http://www.newspaper.com) : viewed online 29 May 2021).

Since this ad provides a court date for the probate proceedings, I turned to FamilySearch to see if the court records had been microfilmed — and found them available online.

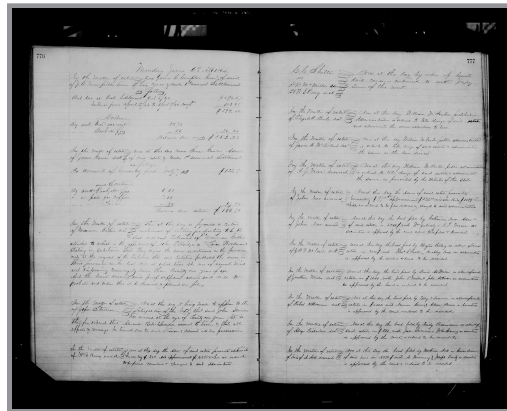
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United States, Missouri, Platte - Court records					
United States, Missouri, Platte - Probate records					
Film/Digital Notes					
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Court record, v. I 1864-1867	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	988954	7631736	6

Since I had the exact date from the ad, I was able to quickly locate the actual court proceeding on page 777 of volume H.

In the matter of estate  
of Elizabeth Burke decd

Now at this day William M Paxton Public Administrator is ordered to take charge of said estate and administer the same according to law.

Missouri, Platte County. Court Records, 1839-1887. Platte County, Missouri, Courthouse, Platte City, Missouri. Film #988953 DGS 7631736. Elizabeth Burke, 6 June 1864 Vol. H: p. 777; digital images, Family Search <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 29 May 2021.988953 DGS 7631736



Missouri, Platte County. Court Records, 1839-1887. Platte County, Missouri, Courthouse, Platte City, Missouri. Film #988953 DGS 7631736. Elizabeth Burke, 6 June 1864 Vol. H: p. 777; digital images, Family Search <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 29 May 2021.988953 DGS 7631736

This simple advertisement in the newspaper led me to the court document that confirms two things:

- Elizabeth did not remarry
- Elizabeth died before June 1864

Now, I just need to read more of the court documents to try and pinpoint a death date and continue searching for more information about her death.



# Forest Hill

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

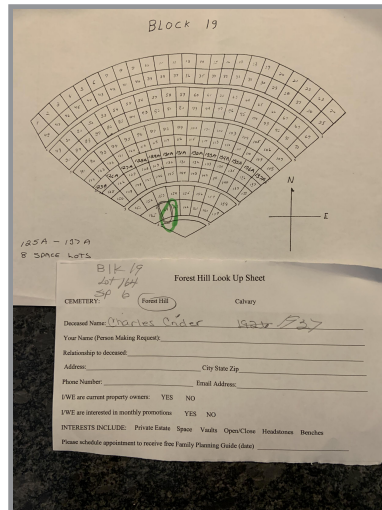
As you visit the cemetery searching for the graves of relatives do you ever stand in awe of a monument? When I visit a military cemetery, I often feel overwhelmed by row upon row of tombstones, especially when they are decorated with flags or wreaths. Another time I remember being awestruck was when I saw my Crawford family tombstones still standing in the Eaton, Ohio cemetery from over 150 years ago.

When my husband agreed to go with me to Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri over Memorial Day Weekend, I didn't expect to stare in wonder at a family monument. I was just looking for the graves of cousins. I was limited to two requests for information on the location of the graves. Thus, I asked for a Rigby male and a Crider male hoping to get a family plot. And I lucked out with both!



Crider Family Monument

The Crider plot was in section 19 at the top of a hill on the South side of the cemetery looking over the rest of the cemetery.



This family plot is the final resting place for the Crider Brothers, of the Crider Commission Company.

The following Crider family members are named on the monument:

- William B Crider
- Rachel Foster Crider, wife of William B Crider
- Zebulon Forster Crider
- Charles P Crider
- Edith B Crider, wife of Charles P Crider
- Chas P Crider, Jr
- Sam P Crider
- Nancy Tate Crider
- Bessie Crider Jacobia, daughter of Samuel P. and Nancy Crider
- Leota L. Lakenan, daughter of Samuel P. and Nancy Crider
- Gloria Jacobia, granddaughter of Samuel P. and Nancy Crider

Driving around this historic cemetery, we encountered the grave of Satchel Paige. A quick Google search revealed more details about historic Forest Hill Cemetery.

- Freedom's Frontier page: Forest Hill and Cavalry Cemetery
- Kansas City Public Library page: Forest Hill Cemetery from the Mrs. Sam Ray postcard collection

While in this historic cemetery, I took photos of the stones to add them to Billion Graves and added the GPS coordinates to the Find a Grave memorials. These GPS coordinates are for a very very small part of Forest Hill Cemetery, but it is a start. Hopefully others will join in this effort and all of the graves in this historic cemetery will get coordinates added.

Coming Soon: Forest Hill Pt 2 – The Rigby plot

# James Barr Ralston Descendants

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

## **James Barr Ralston**

b: 20 Dec 1811, Pennsylvania, United States

d: 4 Jul 1904, Grundy, Iowa, United States

### **+ Nancy Jane McCormick**

b: 15 Oct 1818, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, United States

m: abt 1836, Armstrong, Pennsylvania, United States

d: 3 Nov 1907, Grundy, Iowa, United States

## ..... 11. **Amanda Ralston**

b: 17 Jun 1838, Armstrong, Pennsylvania, United States

d: 6 May 1923, Pennington, South Dakota, United States

### ..... + **James Bailey Simkins**

b: 30 Jul 1831, Fayette, Pennsylvania, United States

m: 22 Jun 1854, Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States

d: 17 Nov 1909, South Dakota, United States

## ..... 111. **Harry A. Simkins**

b: May 1857, Illinois, United States

d: 12 Oct 1938, Yankton, Yankton, South Dakota, United States

## ..... 112. **Ann Jane "Jennie" Simkins**

b: 14 Nov 1858, Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States

d: 12 Jan 1932, Neligh, Antelope, Nebraska, United States

## ..... 113. **James Ellis Simkins**

b: 14 Nov 1858, Oneida, Knox, Illinois, United States

d: 11 Nov 1918, Lake, California, United States

## ..... 114. **William Albert Simkins**

b: 2 Jul 1861, Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States

d: 11 Apr 1952, Springfield, Greene, Missouri, United States

## ..... 115. **Frank Ralston Simkins**

b: 29 Apr 1867, Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States

d: 20 Apr 1930, Oklahoma, United States

## ..... 116. **Mary Ethel Simkins**

b: 12 Nov 1870, Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States

d: 3 Jun 1897, Pennington, South Dakota, United States

## ..... 117. **Guy Eakins Simkins**

b: 6 Apr 1873, Illinois, United States

d: 22 Feb 1931, Rapid City, Pennington, South Dakota, United States

## ..... 118. **Paul Clifton Simkins**

b: 20 Mar 1876, New Windsor, Mercer, Illinois, United States

d: 1943

## ..... 12. **Matilda Ralston**

b: 2 Aug 1840, Pennsylvania, United States

d: 8 Sep 1900, Grundy, Iowa, United States

## ..... 13. **John Nelson Ralston**

b: 5 Dec 1842, Slate Lick, Armstrong, Pennsylvania, United States

d: 23 Mar 1863, Gallatin, Sumner, Tennessee, United States

. . . . . 14. **James McCormick Ralston**  
 b: 24 Apr 1845, Slate Lick, Armstrong, Pennsylvania, United States  
 d: 30 Dec 1931, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . + **Rebecca Kennedy**  
 b: 29 Jul 1845, Rush, Indiana, United States  
 m: 4 Nov 1868, Armstrong, Pennsylvania, United States  
 d: 10 Mar 1886, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . 141. **Inez May Ralston**  
 b: 4 Oct 1869, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 10 Mar 1893, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . 142. **Emma Ralston**  
 b: 2 Jun 1872, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 15 Feb 1911, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . 143. **Minnie Ralston**  
 b: May 1874, Conrad, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 1956, Calhoun, Mississippi, United States  
 . . . . . 144. **Orren Ralston**  
 b: 14 May 1876, Iowa, United States  
 d: 13 Jun 1918, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . 145. **Mark Elwood Ralston**  
 b: 16 Feb 1878, Conrad, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 25 Sep 1971, Conrad, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . 146. **Raymond Bertrum Ralston**  
 b: 5 Dec 1880, Iowa, United States  
 d: 9 Jun 1952, Eagle Grove, Wright, Iowa, United States  
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 b: 4 Feb 1883, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 16 Oct 1894, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . + **Susan Elizabeth Grant**  
 b: 11 Jun 1859, Carroll, Illinois, United States  
 m: 5 Apr 1887  
 d: 15 May 1920, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . 148. **Glen A. Ralston**  
 b: 26 Jun 1888, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 27 May 1946, Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . 149. **Frank J. Ralston**  
 b: 4 May 1890, Conrad, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 18 Mar 1957, Minnehaha, South Dakota, United States  
 . . . . . 14A. **Iva Ralston**  
 b: 21 Aug 1892, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 14 Dec 1962, Hardin, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . 14B. **Ralston**  
 b: 18 Aug 1894, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 21 Aug 1894, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . 14C. **Harold Grant Ralston**  
 b: 7 Sep 1895, Iowa, United States  
 d: 21 Jan 1961, Walla Walla, Washington, United States  
 . . . . . 14D. **Clayton Gordon Ralston**  
 b: 30 Aug 1897, Iowa, United States  
 d: 17 Mar 1965, Virginia Beach City, Virginia, United States  
 . . . . . 15. **David Franklin Ralston**

b: 3 May 1847, Slate Lick, Armstrong, Pennsylvania, United States  
 d: 19 Jun 1928, Viola, Mercer, Illinois, United States  
 . . . . + **Frances Emily Gifford**  
 b: 14 Nov 1847, Oswego, New York  
 m: 28 Nov 1868, Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States  
 d: 4 May 1886, Mercer, Illinois, United States  
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 b: 28 Sep 1860, Mercer, Illinois, United States  
 d: 3 May 1874, Mercer, Illinois, United States  
 . . . . . 152. **Lee Ward Ralston**  
 b: 22 Aug 1869, New Windsor, Mercer, Illinois, United States  
 d: 9 Apr 1959, Rosemead, Los Angeles, California  
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 b: 3 Aug 1872, New Windsor, Mercer, Illinois, United States  
 d: 2 Oct 1932, Mercer, Illinois, United States  
 . . . . . 154. **Ralph M Ralston**  
 b: 18 May 1875, Illinois, United States  
 d: 4 Apr 1956, New Windsor, Mercer, Illinois, United States  
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 b: 10 Feb 1882, Mercer, Illinois, United States  
 d: 12 Jan 1946, Rock Island, Illinois, United States  
 . . . . . 156. **Isola Frances Ralston**  
 b: 18 Mar 1886, New Windsor, Mercer, Illinois, United States  
 d: 17 Aug 1970, Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, United States  
  
 . . . . + **Elizabeth V Gifford**  
 b: 16 Mar 1853, Lansing, Ingham, Michigan, United States  
 m: 6 Apr 1889, Illinois, United States  
 d: 29 Jun 1943, Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, United States  
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 b: 11 May 1849, Armstrong, Pennsylvania, United States  
 d: 18 Oct 1892, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 . . . . + **Richmond Fisk Hammond**  
 b: 20 Nov 1840, Licking, Ohio, United States  
 m: 1 Jan 1867, Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States  
 d: 8 Apr 1928, Sawtelle, Los Angeles, California, United States  
 . . . . . 161. **William R. R. Hammond**  
 b: 1 Jan 1864  
 . . . . . 162. **Homer L. Hammond**  
 b: 25 Jul 1865  
 . . . . . 163. **Judson F. E. Hammond**  
 b: 15 Apr 1866  
 . . . . . 164. **Estella Mabel Hammond**  
 b: 6 Feb 1868, Illinois, United States  
 d: 20 Dec 1949, Sapulpa, Creek, Oklahoma, United States  
 . . . . . 165. **Forest Clinton Hammond**  
 b: 28 Nov 1868, Illinois, United States  
 d: 28 Oct 1905, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 . . . . . 166. **Nellie Elida Hammond**  
 b: 23 Nov 1871, Illinois, United States  
 d: 11 Aug 1956, San Diego, San Diego, California, United States  
 . . . . . 167. **Josie Winifred Hammond**

b: 9 Feb 1874, Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States  
 d: 27 Sep 1954, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
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 b: 4 Sep 1877  
 d: 11 Feb 1878  
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 b: 11 Jun 1879, Union, Hardin, Iowa, United States  
 d: 4 Dec 1960, Fort Dodge, Ford, Kansas, United States  
  
 ..... 17. **Ellis Simpkins Ralston**  
 b: 5 Nov 1851, North Buffalo Township, Armstrong, Pennsylvania, United States  
 d: 4 Aug 1915, Dewey, Oklahoma, United States  
 ..... + **Taxena Elizabeth Cowell**  
 b: 16 May 1854, Brown, Ohio, United States  
 m: 11 Mar 1876, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 14 Sep 1925, Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas, United States  
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 b: 5 May 1877, Iowa, United States  
 d: 12 Mar 1903, Coconino, Arizona, United States  
 ..... 172. **Arthur Allen Ralston**  
 b: 5 Aug 1878, Felix Township, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 18 Oct 1961, Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 173. **Roland William Ralston**  
 b: 18 Apr 1880, Iowa, United States  
 d: 19 Jan 1944, Los Angeles, California, United States  
 ..... 174. **Eva Grace Ralston**  
 b: 10 Feb 1882, Iowa, United States  
 d: 6 Dec 1952, La Junta, Otero, Colorado, United States  
 ..... 175. **Matilda E Ralston**  
 b: 11 Dec 1884, Nebraska, United States  
 d: 1 Feb 1917, Dewey, Oklahoma, United States  
 ..... 176. **Nananette Ralston**  
 b: 16 Sep 1887, Nebraska, United States  
 d: 25 Jan 1967, Orange, California, United States  
 ..... 177. **Vera A Ralston**  
 b: 19 Dec 1891, Kansas, United States  
 d: 27 Dec 1981, Orange, California, United States  
  
 ..... 18. **Margaret Ralston**  
 b: 16 Apr 1854, Pennsylvania, United States  
 d: 17 Mar 1916, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 ..... + **Deleven Barnes**  
 b: 24 Jul 1850  
 d: 6 Oct 1940, Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States  
 ..... 181. **Mabel Barnes**  
 b: 1879, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 13 Aug 1879, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 ..... 182. **Mary Jane "Mayme" Barnes**  
 b: 10 Jun 1880, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 1971, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 ..... 183. **George Stephen Barnes**  
 b: 17 Aug 1881, Grundy Center, Grundy, Iowa, United States

d: 20 May 1953, San Bernardino, California, United States  
 ..... 184. **Henry Martin Barnes**  
 b: 20 Feb 1883, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 3 May 1962  
 ..... 185. **John Ellis Ransom Barnes**  
 b: 10 Feb 1887, Iowa, United States  
 d: 5 Apr 1961, Binghamton, Broome, New York, United States  
 ..... 186. **Lloyd William Barnes**  
 b: 20 Oct 1888, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 14 Dec 1941, Phillips, Price, Wisconsin  
 ..... 187. **Jessie Sybil Barnes**  
 b: 27 Nov 1890, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 28 Apr 1978, Linn, Iowa, United States  
 ..... 188. **Hazel Estelle Barnes**  
 b: 19 Dec 1891, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 25 Feb 1947  
 ..... 189. **Stanley Stowe Barnes**  
 b: 4 Feb 1898, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 28 Sep 1965, Marinette, Wisconsin  
  
 ..... 19. **Alicia Melinda Ralston**  
 b: 23 Dec 1857, Conrad, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 4 Jan 1935, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 ..... + **William Lighter**  
 b: 8 Oct 1855, Mount Carroll, Carroll, Illinois, United States  
 m: 18 Nov 1880, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 13 Feb 1939, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 191. **Roy Bertram Lighter**  
 b: 19 Aug 1881, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 20 Dec 1918, Grand Junction, Mesa, Colorado, United States  
 ..... 192. **Philip J. Lighter**  
 b: 18 Sep 1883, Grundy, Iowa, United States  
 d: 16 Jun 1968, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 193. **William Earl Lighter**  
 b: 22 Jan 1886, Ford, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 d: 9 Nov 1934, Halstead, Harvey, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 194. **Sarah Jane Lighter**  
 b: 25 Aug 1887, Ford, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 d: 3 May 1975, Johnson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 195. **Curt Nelson Lighter**  
 b: 10 Mar 1890, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 d: 4 Nov 1975, Costa Mesa, Orange, California, United States  
 ..... 196. **Ray Kenneth Lighter**  
 b: 14 Jan 1892, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 d: 5 Dec 1959, Chico, Butte, California, United States  
 ..... 197. **Ruth Elva Lighter**  
 b: 4 Jan 1894, Ford, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 d: 3 Feb 1900, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 198. **John Ralston Lighter**  
 b: 5 Aug 1897, Ford, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 d: 8 Feb 1954, Denver, Denver, Colorado, United States  
 ..... 199. **Fredrick Ellis Lighter**

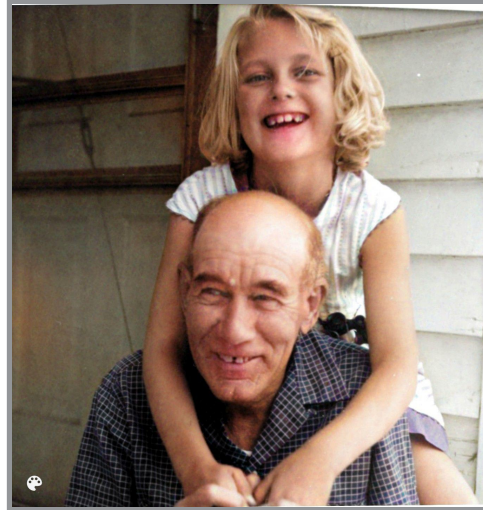


b: 25 Apr 1899, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
d: 23 Jan 1974, Pratt, Pratt, Kansas, United States  
..... 19A. **Grace Alice Lighter**  
b: 8 Jan 1901, Ford, Ford, Kansas, United States  
d: 29 May 1985, Shawnee, Johnson, Kansas, United States

## Throwback Thursday

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Granddad and I



# Two Thurstons

Friday, June 25, 2021

Do you ever feel like many many genealogists took all of the information found on two individuals, threw it in a bag and pulled out one individual? That's how I feel with my Thurston Wells research.

My ancestor, Thurston Kennedy Wells, was 11 years old when his father, Ozias Wells died in 1832. The family was living in Madison County, New York. When Thurston was 16 years old, his mother, Mary Kennedy Wells, migrated to Calhoun County, Michigan. Thurston was likely living with his mother in Calhoun County in 1840.

In 1850, a Thurston Wells is listed on the Madison County, New York census as a 30 year old carpenter. A year later, Thurston married Sarah Hall in Madison County, New York. Around 1857, Thurston, Sarah and their son, Francis moved to Kansas where another son, William was born. Sarah likely died in Kansas as Thurston and the boys are listed on the 1860 census in Lykins County, Kansas without her.

In 1861, Thurston marries Salome Crandall in Van Buren County, Iowa. Two children are supposedly born in Eaton County, Michigan. It is in Michigan where I believe a second Thurston Wells enters the picture.

This second Thurston Wells married Mary Miles on 20 Nov 1857 in Lapeer County, Michigan. Census records show Thurston, Mary and their children living in Lapeer County, Michigan in 1860, 1870, and 1880. Of their three children, their son, Olin, is the easiest to follow.

A search of Ancestry for trees with an Olin Wells born 1862 and dying in 1943 results in 25 trees, including mine. Of the 24 other trees

- 5 trees do not have a father for Olin Wells
- 12 trees list a Thurston Kennedy Wells as the father of Olin Wells
- 14 trees with a death date of 1893 for Thurston Wells (or Thurston Kennedy Wells)
- 14 trees show Thurston or Thurston Kennedy Wells dying in Woodson county, Kansas
- 6 trees included Sarah Hall as a wife of Thurston Wells
- 8 trees included Salome Crandall as a wife of Thurston Wells
- 16 trees included Mary Miles as a wife of Thurston Wells

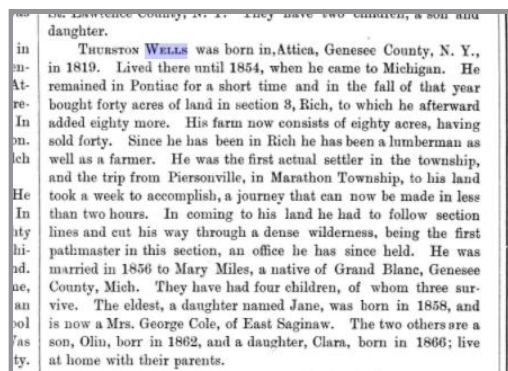
Analyzing these trees, one might conclude that Thurston Kennedy Wells (1821-1893 of Woodson county, Kansas) is the father of Olin Wells of Michigan. However, that conclusion implies that Thurston Wells was a bigamist. Below is a comparison of their life events.

Year Thurston Kennedy Wells (1821-1893) Thurston Wells of Michigan 1851 married Sarah Hall in Madison County NY 1853 son Francis Owen Wells is born in NY 1857 son William Hall Wells is born in Kansas married Mary Miles in Lapeer County MI 1858 wife Sarah Wells likely dies – possibly in Kansas daughter Mary Jane Wells is born in Genesee County, MI 1860 K. T. Wells and sons, Franklin and William are on the census in Lykins county, Kansas 1861 married Salome Crandall in Iowa 1862 son Freddie L Wells born in Michigan son Olin Thurston Wells born in MI 1863 draft record for Thurston K Wells in Eaton County MI draft record for Thrstin Wells in Lapeer County MI 1866

daughter Mary Wells born in Michigan daughter Clarissa Wells born in MI 1868 daughter Anna Wells born in Iowa 1870 Salome and Annie, Frank and William living in Iowa Thurston Wells on 1870 census in Lapeer County Michigan with wife, Mary, and children, Clarissa, Oliver and Mary J 1871 family moves to Kansas 1873 daughter Nettie Wells born in Kansas 1880 Thurston Wells on 1880 census in Lapeer County Michigan with wife, Mary and children, Mary J, Olin T and Clarissa O. 1885 T. K. Wells on 1885 Kansas census in Woodson County, KS with Saloma, Anna and Nettie

I haven't located a burial or death record for the Thurston Wells of Michigan. However, I did locate a biography in the History of Lapeer County, Michigan.

Thurston Wells was born in Attica, Genesee County, N.Y., in 1819. Lived there until 1854, when he came to Michigan. he remained in Pontiac for a short time and in the fall of that year bought forty acres of land in section 3, Rich, to which he afterward added eighty more. His farm now consists of eighty acres having sold forty. Since he has been in Rich he has been a lumberman as well as a farmer. He was the first actual settler in the township and the trip from Piersonville, in Marathon Township, to his land took a week to accomplish, a journey that can now be made in less than two hours. In coming to his land he had to follow sections lines and cut his way through a dense wilderness, being the first pathmaster in this section, an office he has since held. He was married in 1856 to Mary Miles, a native of Grand Blanc, Genesee County, Mich. They have had four children, of whom three survive. The eldest, a daughter named Jane, was born in 1858, and is now a Mrs. George Cole, of East Saginaw. The two others a son, Olin, born in 1862, and a daughter Clara, born in 1866; live at home with their parents.



History of Lapeer County, Michigan: with illustrations and biographical sketches of some of its prominent men and pioneers. (Chicago: H. R. Page, 1884), p. 210; digital image, Internet Archive ([www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)) : viewed online 31 May 2021.

Thus, I believe that these are two separate men.

- Thurston Wells (1819-?) of Genesee County, New York and Lapeer County, Michigan.
- Thurston K(ennedy) Wells (1821-1893) of Madison County, New York, Lykins County, KS, Van Buren County, Iowa, Calhoun County, Michigan and Woodson County, Kansas.

Below is a summary of what I have gathered about Thurston Wells of Lapeer County, Michigan.

**Thurston Wells 1** was born in 1819 in Genesee, New York, United States. 2

He lived in Concord, Erie, New York, United States in 1850. 3

He lived in Pontiac, Oakland, Michigan, United States in 1854. 2

Thurston purchased in 1854 in Rich Township, Lapeer, Michigan, United States. 2

He married Mary Miles on 20 Nov 1857 in Lapeer, Lapeer, Michigan, United States. 2, 4

On 29 Jul 1858, Mary Jane Wells was born in Mayville, Chautauqua, New York, United States. 1, 5

He lived in Lapeer, Michigan, United States in 1860. 6

On 15 Feb 1862, Olin Thurston Wells was born in Lapeer, Michigan, United States. 7

He registered for the military draft in 1863 in Lapeer, Michigan, United States. 8

On 16 Oct 1866, Clarissa Wells was born in Michigan, United States.

Thurston lived in Rich Township, Lapeer, Michigan, United States in 1870. 9

He lived in Rich Township, Lapeer, Michigan, United States on 8 Jun 1880. 10

#### ENDNOTES:

1. Michigan, Marriage Records 1867-1952, Mary Jane Stringham, 1889; database on-line, *Ancestry.com* ( <http://www.ancestry.com> : viewed online June 2017). Original Source: Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952. Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Vital Records and Health Statistics.

2. , *History of Lapeer County, Michigan: with illustrations and biographical sketches of some of its prominent men and pioneers*. (Chicago: H. R. Page, 1884), p. 210; digital image, *Internet Archive* ([www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org) : viewed online 31 May 2021).

3. 1850 U.S. Census, Erie County, New York, population schedule, Concord, Erie County, New York, page 70 Image 26 of 102, family 544, Freeman Bailey; digital images, *Ancestry.com* ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : viewed online 31 May 2021); NARA microfilm publication M432

4. "Michigan, County Marriages, 1822-1940," database, *Ancestry.com* ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : viewed online 31 May 2021), Thurston Wells.

5. "Michigan, Death Records 1867-1952," database, *Ancestry.com* ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : viewed online 31 May 2021), Mary Jane Arrand.

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7. Social Security Administration, "Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007," database on-line, *Ancestry, Ancestry.com* (

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901/> : viewed online 31 May 2021), Olin Thurston Wells.

8. "U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865," [RecordType], *Ancestry.com* ( <https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 1 June 2021), card for Thistin Wells, Rich,Lapeer, Michigan; citing Consolidated Listsof Civil War Draft Registrations, 1863-1865, NM-65.

9. 1870 U.S. Census, Lapeer County, Michigan, population schedule, Rich Township, Lapeer County, Michigan, page 8 (image 8 of 13) Image [Image] of [ImageTotal], Household 50, Thurston Wells; digital image, *Ancestry.com* ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : viewed online June 2017); NARA Microfilm publication T132

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Saturday, June 26, 2021

When entering details about an ancestor's life, do you use a 'member' fact? I do – sometimes. But if I were grading myself on the use of this fact, I would probably give myself a 'D'. Since I do use the fact, I don't deserve an 'F'. However, my usage is very inconsistent.

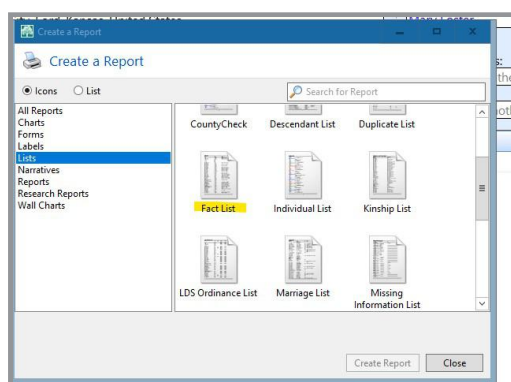
I admit that I'm a bit lazy with the use of this fact. I think another issue I have with this fact is the process of assigning a date. I don't know when my grandmother joined these organizations. Thus, I don't have a 'beginning' date. Her participation was also over a span of years.

Cora B. Adams (2781791)

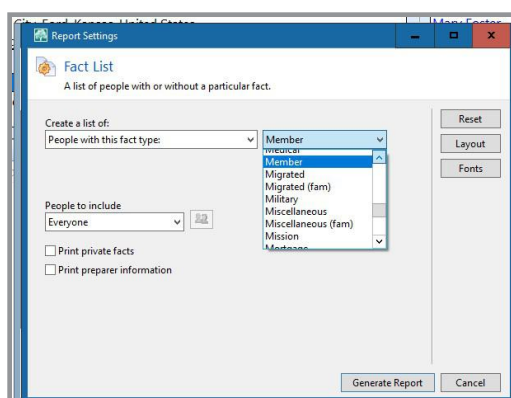
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<b>Burial</b>	8 Dec 1947 Maple Grove Cemetery, Dodge City,		

This also impacts a 'Fact List' report. Without the details that should be in the description, the report just gives the place. The 'fact list' report is under the 'Lists' section of reports in RootsMagic 7.





Creating a fact list report for the member fact is relatively simple. I just selected the member fact and then generated the report.



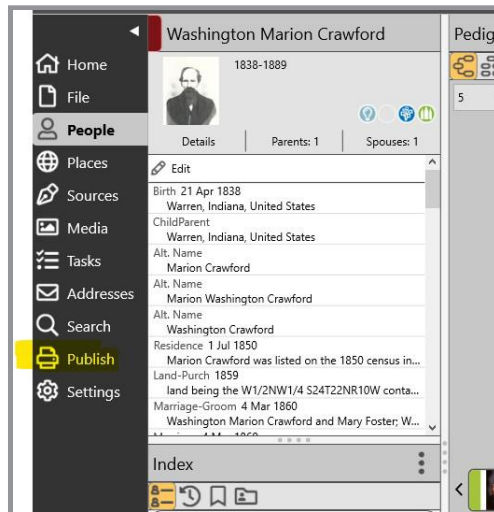
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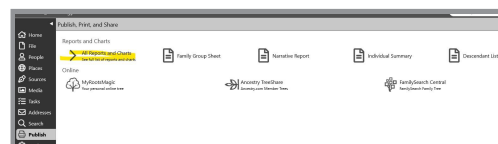
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	Oct 1880	Indiana, United States; of the Fleming Post #516 Illinois City, Rock Island County, Illinois; of the Illinois State Association of Union Prisoners of War
	6 May 1885	Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States; Lewis Post of the Grand Army of the Republic
	Dec 1887	Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States; was an officer of the Lewis Post of the Grand Army of the Republic
	1888	Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States; on the membership roles of the Lewis Post G.A.R.
Crawford, William Clay	bef 1929	Leadville, Lake, Colorado, United States
	bef 1929	Leadville, Lake, Colorado, United States
	bef 1929	Leadville, Lake, Colorado, United States
Crawford, William N.	1878	Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States
Crawford, William Nelson		Masonic Order
Crisler, Mary	1925	Leocompton, Douglas, Kansas; of the W.C.T.U. and served as vice president
Currey, George Byron	bef 1906	Oregon, United States

Member Fact List Report – Highlighted entries are missing information in the Description field

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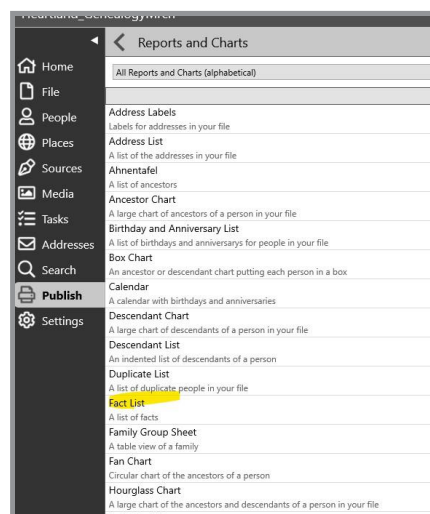


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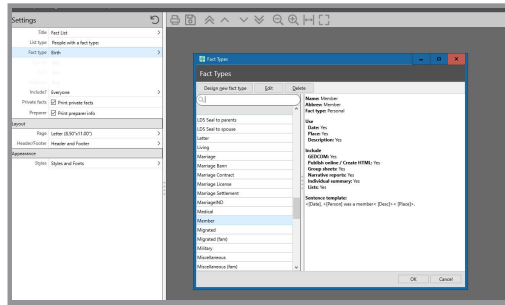
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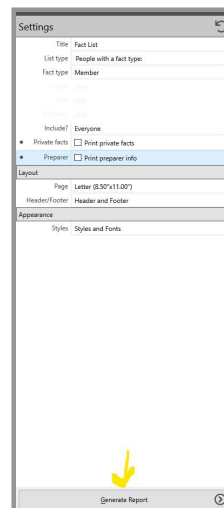
### List of available reports -RM8

Instead of opening a separate window for the report options, they appear on the left side of the screen. Again, I need to select the fact type, 'member'. Clicking on the > to the right of the 'birth' fact type opens a window where I can scroll down to locate the Member fact.



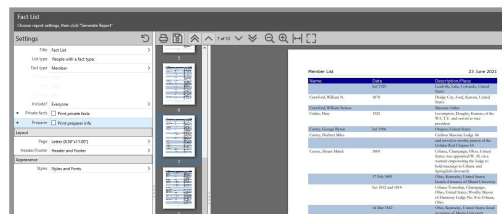
Selecting type of fact – RM8

Clicking OK on the window changes the 'fact type' in the settings for the report to Member. I then removed the check mark from Print Private Facts and from Print Preparer Info.



Settings Screen Fact List Report

Once the settings are configured to my wishes, I click the Generate report button at the bottom of the column. This report appears in the large space to the right of the report settings.



Fact List Report RM8

When I look at the same area of the report as in RM7 (Washington Marion Crawford, etc.), the major difference is that every other member fact is highlighted blue.

		States; or Big Scout Troop 152 and awarded First Class Rank
Crawford, Washington Marion	abt 1865	Illinois, United States; life member of the Illinois State Association of Union Prisoners of War
		Indiana, United States; of the Fleming Post #316
	Oct 1880	Illinois City, Rock Island County, Illinois; of the Illinois State Association of Union Prisoners of War
	6 May 1885	Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States; Lewis Post of the Grand Army of the Republic
	Dec 1887	Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States; was an officer of the Lewis Post of the Grand Army of the Republic
	1888	Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States; on the membership roles of the Lewis Post G.A.R.
Crawford, William Clay	bef 1929	Leadville, Lake, Colorado, United States
	bef 1929	Leadville, Lake, Colorado, United States

## RM8 Fact List Report Example

Magic didn't happen in RM8. I'm still missing the description information for William Clay Craford's member facts. I'm not sure whether the highlighting affected the spacing or whether a different font and font size was used, but the report is 13 pages long in RM8 compared to the 8 pages in RM7.

This experiment with the Member Fact list report

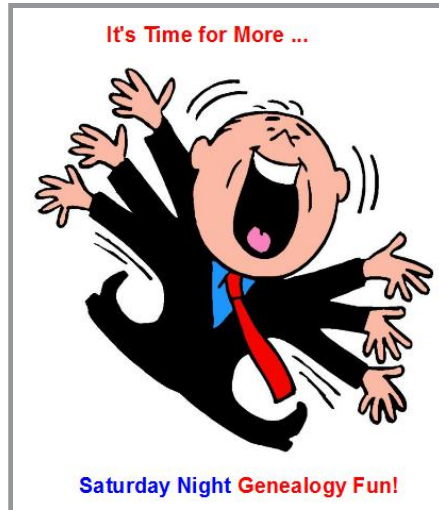
- Revealed my laziness in entering this type of fact
- Revealed member facts that are missing descriptive details
- Helped me realize that the process of creating reports in RootsMagic 8 is similar to that in RM7. It just looks different.

My to-do list just got a bit longer.

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Sunday, June 27, 2021

#SaturdayNightGenealogyFun



Here is your assignment, should you decide to accept it (you ARE reading this, so I assume that you really want to play along – cue the Mission Impossible music!):

- 1) Consider your Birth Surname families – the ones from your father back through his father all the way back to the first of that surname in your family group sheets or genealogy database. List the father's name, and lifespan years.
- 2) Use your paper charts or genealogy software program to create a Descendants chart (dropline or graphical) that provide the children and their children (i.e., up to the grandchildren of each father in the surname list).
- 3) Count how many children they had (with all spouses), and the children of those children in your records and/or database. Add those numbers to the list. See my example below! [Note: Do not count the spouses of the children]
- 4) What does this list of children and grandchildren tell you about these persons in your birth surname line? Does this task indicate areas that you need to do more research to fill out families and find potential cousins?

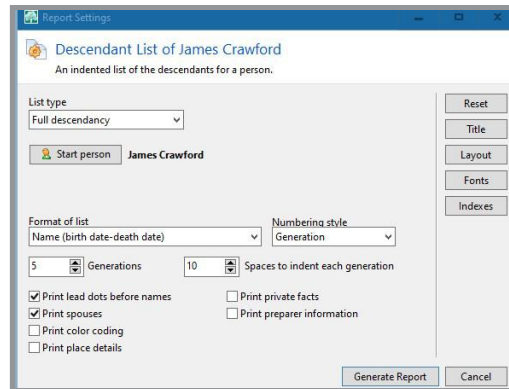
My Crawford lineage

- James Crawford (1772-1854) married Sally Smith Duggins and had 2 children and 13 children
- Nelson G. Crawford (1808-1864) married Martha Smith and had 8 children and had 22 grandchildren
- Washington Marion Crawford (1838-1889) married Mary Foster and had 5 children and 20 grandchildren
- Judson Foster Crawford (1866-1949) married Josie Hammond and had 7 children and 24 grandchildren

- Leon Russel Crawford (1894-1976) married Winnie Letha Currey and had 3 children with only one surviving to adulthood and 3 grandchildren

So, what have I learned?

- James Crawford (1772-1854) may have had more children. However, no records tying another child to this family have been found.
- I learned to use a different format for the RootsMagic 7 Descendant list report.



Below is a copy of that report:

James Crawford (17 Apr 1772-5 Jul 1854)  
 +Sarah "Sally" Smith (25 Feb 1770-2 May 1856)  
 . . . . . 2-Polly Crawford (aft 1799-)  
 . . . . . +John Nelson Stoner (11 Sep 1801-Feb 1854)  
 . . . . . . . . . . 3-Mary Ann Stoner (16 May 1823-14 May 1901)  
 . . . . . . . . . . +Jacob Franklin Wikel (21 Mar 1825-23 Aug 1892)  
 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4-Matilda Wikel (abt 1845-bef 1880)  
 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . +Reason Nidey (May 1839-)  
 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5-Mathias Laten Nidey (Apr 1862-1908)  
 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . +Daniel Jerome Wanick (Jul 1839-30 Apr 1914)  
 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5-Lewis Wanick (1864-)  
 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5-Cora A Wanick (Nov 1866-1948)  
 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5-Ida Waynick (Sep 1869-1951)  
 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5-James Roscoe Waynick (18 Dec 1874-26 Sep 1940)  
 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5-Minnie A Wanick (23 Aug 1877-13 Sep 1932)  
 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4-Maria Wikel (abt 1848-)  
 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . +A. Aron Mason (abt 1844-)  
 . 5-Flora Mason (abt 1869-)  
 . 5-Oliver A Mason (abt 1871-)  
 . 5-Laura C. Mason (24 Nov 1872-18 Jan 1903)  
 . 5-Rissella C. Mason (abt 1874-)  
 . 5-Ellen O. Mason (abt 1879-)  
 . 4-William N. Wikel (3 Jan 1856-2 Jun 1932)  
 . +Azubah Ann Grant (7 Feb 1854-24 Apr 1921)  
 . 5-Mary Luella Wikle (2 Oct 1875-14 Jul 1952)  
 . 5-Jacob Franklin Wikle (abt 1875-3 Jan 1930)  
 . 5-Minnie Gertrude Wikle (4 May 1880-28 Jan 1951)  
 . 5-Rachel S. Wikle (May 1888-)  
 . 5-William E. Wikle (5 Oct 1885-8 Jun 1920)  
 . 4-James Lafayette Wikel (abt 1853-)

..... +Melvina Jane Green (22 Feb 1856-24 Jan 1889)  
 ..... 5-Rosetta Wikel (1874-1874)  
 ..... 5-Charles Ervin Wikel (7 Feb 1876-20 Jan 1964)  
 ..... 5-Elizabeth Magdelene Wikel (1878-1880)  
 ..... 5-Lily Arabell Wikel (1880-1880)  
 ..... 5-William LeRoy Wikel (1880-)  
 ..... 4-Daniel Wiley Wikel (abt 1858-10 Mar 1930)  
 ..... +Lolamontes Elizabeth Denney (28 Feb 1865-14 Sep 1896)  
 ..... 5-Leslie Aris Wikel (13 Nov 1884-9 Jun 1959)  
 ..... 5-Mabel Maglene Wikel (2 Oct 1886-16 Dec 1950)  
 ..... 5-Lula Mary Wikel (25 Mar 1883-26 Jan 1965)  
 ..... 5-Nora Pearl Wikel (3 Apr 1890-30 Oct 1970)  
 ..... 5-Blanch Wikel (-)  
 ..... 5-Fred Alonzo Wikel (8 Aug 1896-3 Sep 1927)  
 ..... 4-Martha J. Wikel (1860-26 Dec 1886)  
 ..... +William Overholtz (1869-26 Aug 1888)  
 ..... 5-George Vern Overholtz (21 Jul 1885-28 Jul 1942)  
 ..... 5-John W Overholtz (2 Dec 1885-17 Nov 1950)  
 ..... 4-Jacob Andrew Wikel (13 Feb 1865-13 Apr 1905)  
 ..... +Mary Augusta Denney (28 May 1869-11 Nov 1958)  
 ..... 5-Russell Herbert Wike (31 Aug 1888-)  
 ..... 5-Edna Marie Wike (1 Dec 1902-1990)  
 ..... 5-Maude L Wikel (15 Mar 1890-29 May 1977)  
 ..... 4-Martha Jane Wikel (1860-1893)  
 ..... +Simon Peter Beckdolt (Aug 1856-20 Dec 1900)  
 ..... 5-Viola Mae Beckdolt (1882-)  
 ..... 5-Goldie Beatrice Beckdolt (24 Dec 1887-14 Dec 1960)  
 ..... 5-Claude Jacobe Elery Beckdolt (1892-1938)  
 ..... 3-Matilda Caroline Stoner (28 Aug 1827-6 Jun 1913)  
 ..... +William Harrison Fields (13 Jun 1824-23 May 1917)  
 ..... 4-Elizabeth Fields (abt 1842-)  
 ..... 4-John Martin Fields (14 Dec 1845-8 Jan 1936)  
 ..... +Margaret (-29 Mar 1966)  
 ..... 5-Clifford Fields (-)  
 ..... 5-Harold Fields (-)  
 ..... 5-Alecia Fields (-)  
 ..... +Sarah Diehl (1849-5 Dec 1924)  
 ..... 5-Charles Fields (Feb 1870-)  
 ..... 5-Mary E Fields (Sep 1871-8 Jun 1942)  
 ..... 5-John F. Fields (17 Sep 1874-15 May 1931)  
 ..... 5-Rebecca Belle Fields (21 Feb 1880-21 Sep 1965)  
 ..... 4-David N Fields (abt 1849-)  
 ..... 4-Martha Jane Fields (1850-1945)  
 ..... +McKee (-)  
 ..... 4-Christopher D Fields (1853-1860)  
 ..... 4-Sarah Ann Fields (abt 1856-1926)  
 ..... +Robert Graham (1866-)  
 ..... 5-Robert C Graham (abt 1892-)  
 ..... 5-J. W. Graham (abt 1897-)  
 ..... 4-Andrew Jackson Fields (1858-1860)  
 ..... 4-Joseph F Fields (abt 1860-1955)  
 ..... 4-William Edward Fields (20 Oct 1863-3 May 1946)



..... +Nancy Elizabeth Tremain (-)  
 ..... 5-Mabel Francis Fields (1897-1971)  
 ..... 5-Mary Caroline Fields (30 Jan 1892-10 Jun 1886)  
 ..... 5-Edna Jane Fields (1898-1974)  
 ..... 4-Charles D Fields (abt 1864-1939)  
 ..... 4-Richard H Fields (1867-1868)  
 ..... 4-Valla Fields (abt 1869-1930)  
 ..... + \_\_\_\_\_ Kern (-)  
 ..... 5-Onie P Kern (Mar 1889-)  
 ..... 5-Jessie D Kern (May 1891-)  
 ..... 5-George M Kern (Jun 1894-)  
 ..... 5-Harry L Kern (Aug 1897-)  
 ..... 4-Benoni Fields (1871-1873)  
 ..... 4-Alden Asberry Fields (2 Dec 1874-24 Nov 1935)  
 ..... +Susan C Boley (-)  
 ..... 5-Orpha M. Fields (Jan 1897-1968)  
 ..... 5-Gladys M Fields (Aug 1898-)  
 ..... 5-Paul A Fields (abt 1900-)  
 ..... 5-Opal D Fields (31 Jul 1916-12 May 1993)  
 ..... 5-Charlotte M Fields (abt 1903-)  
 ..... 5-William Frank Fields (abt 1906-)  
 ..... 5-Ethel Alda Fields (abt 1907-)  
 ..... 5-Guy L. Fields (abt 1912-)  
 ..... 5-Alice O Fields (abt 1919-)  
 ..... 3-Nelson Crawford Stoner (24 Nov 1829-24 Jun 1910)  
 ..... +Elizabeth F. Deatherage (14 Jul 1842-11 Jun 1927)  
 ..... 4-George Stoner (Dec 1882-5 Aug 1959)  
 ..... +Otilie Jacobsmeyer (-)  
 ..... 5-Helen Stoner (1907-)  
 ..... 5-Samuel Ferdinand Stoner (abt 1916-)  
 ..... 4-Lona Stoner (21 May 1870-13 Jul 1953)  
 ..... +Lewis C. Wilkey (1870-1949)  
 ..... 5-Pearl K. Wilkey (1897-1985)  
 ..... 5-Sylvia Wilkey (1900-1986)  
 ..... 4-Joseph Oscar Stoner (16 Feb 1872-18 Oct 1965)  
 ..... +Janie Elizabeth Richardson (11 Feb 1874-19 Sep 1926)  
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 ..... 4-Sammie E. Stoner (24 Aug 1886-8 Jul 1898)  
 ..... +Eliza Moore (-)  
 ..... 4-Mary Stoner (16 Apr 1854-16 Sep 1854)  
 ..... 4-John Stoner (16 Apr 1854-16 Sep 1854)  
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 ..... +Martha Ann Elizabeth Shipman (8 Feb 1858-)  
 ..... 5-John Nelson Stoner (11 Oct 1878-10 Oct 1966)  
 ..... 5-Ada Stoner (8 Jul 1888-)  
 ..... 5-Earnest Charles Stoner (6 Jan 1883-)

..... 5-Edward Stoner (5 Feb 1885-1925)  
 ..... 5-Mary Stoner (Sep 1890-)  
 ..... 5-Bertha Frances Stoner (4 May 1892-5 Mar 1954)  
 ..... 5-William Stoner (Mar 1897-)  
 ..... 5-Robert Louis Stoner (Dec 1899-)  
 ..... 4-Edward Stoner (2 Jun 1857-1 Mar 1940)  
 ..... 4-Douglas Stoner (abt 1859-)  
 ..... 4-Stephen A Stoner (abt 1860-)  
 ..... 4-Sarah J Stoner (abt 1866-)  
 ..... 3-Susan Stoner (abt 1834-)  
 ..... +George Witters (29 Oct 1827-15 Aug 1859)  
 ..... +Samuel Kirkland (-)  
 ..... 3-Martha Jane Stoner (abt 1837-)  
 ..... +Jonathan Sheffer (8 Jul 1840-4 Jun 1930)  
 ..... 4-Emma Shaffer (abt 1864-)  
 ..... 4-Albert F. Shaffer (18 May 1866-4 Nov 1894)  
 ..... 4-Laura A. Shaffer (abt 1869-9 Jul 1901)  
 ..... +Abner Needham (abt 1846-12 Sep 1930)  
 ..... 5-Chester Needham (29 Apr 1889-16 Oct 1943)  
 ..... 5-Russell Jacob Needham (Jan 1892-1964)  
 ..... 5-Frederick Needham (Mar 1896-)  
 ..... 5-Laura Lovina Needham (11 Feb 1891-)  
 ..... 5-Emma Needham (Jun 1899-)  
 ..... 4-Charles E. Sheffer (May 1870-)  
 ..... 2-Nelson G. Crawford (17 Oct 1808-21 Mar 1864)  
 ..... +Martha Smith (3 Aug 1815-1 Aug 1871)  
 ..... 3-James H. Crawford (19 Jun 1834-8 Jul 1908)  
 ..... +Esther L. \_\_\_\_\_ (abt 1848-)  
 ..... +Eliza Jane Swisher (14 Jul 1835-8 Jul 1892)  
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 ..... 4-Abraham Lincoln Crawford (Sep 1863-18 Dec 1919)  
 ..... +Hattie (abt 1868-abt 18 Nov 1939)  
 ..... 4-Ada Jane "Jennie" Crawford (7 Nov 1868-5 Feb 1930)  
 ..... +Robert H. Hazleton (Apr 1863-4 Nov 1932)  
 ..... 5-Harold Robert Hazleton (27 Sep 1895-27 Aug 1944)  
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 ..... +Jessie George Schmuesser (28 Jul 1876-1957)

..... 3-William C. Crawford (28 Nov 1835-6 Nov 1860)  
 ..... +Mary E. Bell (8 Oct 1835-3 Jun 1880)  
 ..... 4-William Clay Crawford (30 Jan 1861-bef 16 Apr 1929)  
 ..... +Anna Elizabeth Paul (Jun 1865-1935)  
 ..... 5-Clarence Clay Crawford (1 May 1887-26 Aug 1937)  
 ..... 5-Paul William Crawford (25 Oct 1889-17 Jan 1959)  
 ..... 3-Mary Elizabeth Crawford (21 Apr 1838-27 Feb 1916)  
 ..... +Elisha Vance Briggs (30 Nov 1835-29 Dec 1922)  
 ..... 4-Ella Briggs (21 Nov 1858-9 Mar 1861)  
 ..... 4-Colvin Garrett Briggs (30 May 1860-23 Mar 1925)  
 ..... +Fannie Biser (6 Feb 1862-30 Oct 1951)  
 ..... 5-Madge Briggs (9 Oct 1883-May 1967)  
 ..... 5-Maude Briggs (15 Oct 1887-21 Sep 1962)  
 ..... 4-Marion Briggs (abt 1862-bef 1925)  
 ..... 4-Lauretta Bertha Briggs (24 Mar 1866-28 Aug 1946)  
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 ..... +Mary Foster (28 Aug 1842-21 Jan 1929)  
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 ..... +Alva Oris Sherman (Oct 1859-8 Jan 1935)  
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 ..... 5-Arthur Judson Sherman (6 Aug 1893-2 Aug 1940)  
 ..... 5-Grace B. Sherman (6 Mar 1895-27 Jan 1989)  
 ..... 5-Frederick Marion Sherman (26 Aug 1900-7 Apr 1965)  
 ..... 5-Jean Everett Sherman (12 Jun 1902-18 Oct 1968)  
 ..... 4-Judson Foster Crawford (15 Apr 1866-19 Feb 1949)  
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 ..... 4-Carrie A Crawford (10 Feb 1870-20 Jul 1886)  
 ..... 4-Lida A Crawford (22 Dec 1871-13 Dec 1945)  
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 ..... 5-\_\_\_\_\_ Lighter (abt 1903-2 Jun 1903)  
 ..... 5-Anne Marie Lighter (25 Jun 1904-6 Nov 1994)  
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 ..... 4-Nelson Garfield Crawford (29 Oct 1881-10 May 1957)  
 ..... +Cora B. Adams (abt 1882-6 Dec 1947)

..... +Grace Nicoll Stateler (-)  
 ..... 3-Sarah Amanda Crawford (abt 1840-15 Jun 1876)  
 ..... +Harrison S. Woodward (abt 1841-14 May 1863)  
 ..... 4-Catherine Woodward (22 May 1863-9 Jun 1899)  
 ..... +John A. Baughman (-aft 1899)  
 ..... +Harmon M. Billings (29 Jan 1842-26 Oct 1914)  
 ..... 3-\_\_\_\_\_ Crawford (bef 1842-8 Apr 1842)  
 ..... 3-Celia Carrie Crawford (10 Dec 1851-30 May 1940)  
 ..... +Dr. Daniel DeVinney Rose (28 May 1843-18 Jun 1929)  
 ..... 4-Elsie Rose (14 May 1885-25 Mar 1984)  
 ..... +William Glen Smart (1879-1965)  
 ..... 5-Marion Dean Smart (11 Jun 1911-7 Aug 1994)  
 ..... 5-John Smart (11 Sep 1909-11 Apr 2001)  
 ..... 3-\_\_\_\_\_ Crawford (5 Nov 1859-22 Nov 1859)

# Missing Patent

Monday, June 28, 2021

Do you have 'homesteaders' in your tree? If so, you've likely become familiar with the Bureau of Land Management site where you can search for those homestead patents. I use this site on a regular basis and probably have searched it before for records involving Thurston Kennedy Wells.

Today, I transcribed a deed from Woodson County, Kansas for Thurston Kennedy Wells that suggests there should be a homestead record.

Woodson County Kansas  
Recorder of Deeds Office

Land Records

Book G page 324

United States of America  
Homestead Certificate No 1316  
Application 2986

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting:

Whereas there has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Independence Kansas whereby it appears that pursuant to the act of Congress approved 20th May 1862 to secure homesteads to actual settler on the public domain and the acts supplemental thereto the claim of T K Wells has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the **North half of the North East quarter of Section twenty two in Township twenty four South of Range fifteen East** in the district of lands subject to sale at Independence Kansas containing eighty acres according to the official plat of that survey of the said laws [relavent] to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General: Now Know Ye, that there is therefore granted by the United States unto the said T. K. Wells the tract of land above described To Have and to hold the said tract of land with the appurtenances thereof unto the said, T K Wells and his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof I Ulysses S Grant President of the United States of America have caused these letters be made Patent and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my had at the city of Washington the fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and first.

Seal

By the President U S Grant

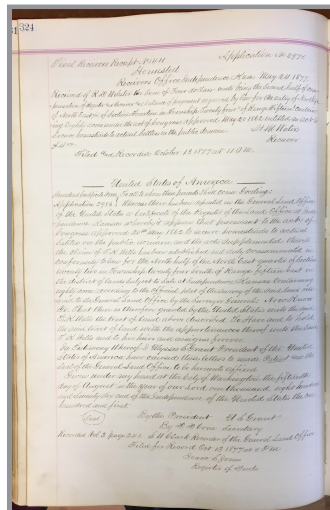
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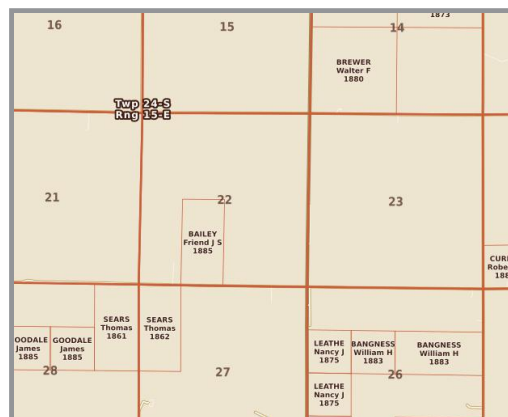
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Register of Deeds

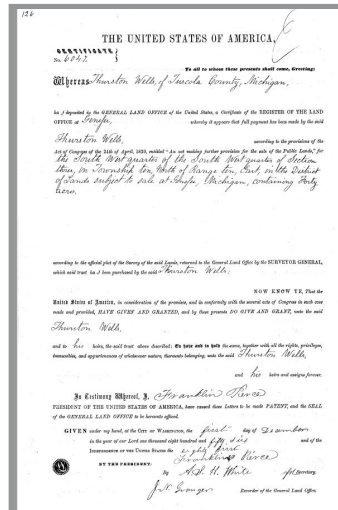


A search of the 'First Landowners Project' (\$) site did not show Thurston Wells as a first landowner in Section 22 of Township 24 South of Range 15 East.



A search of the BLM General Land Office Records site for Thurston Wells' homestead record did not locate his record.

- A search for WELLS in Woodson County, Kansas produced a link to a patent granted to Thomas W. Wells in Township 23 South of Range 16 East
- A search for the document number of 1316 did not include Thurston Wells in the list of results. Nor, did it include a patent for Township 24 of Range 15 East
- A search for Thurston Wells in any state produced a link to a patent for the **OTHER Thurston Wells** in Genesee County, Michigan dated in 1856.



Not only did Thurston Wells have a deed indicating how he acquired the land, but thirteen years later, T. K. Wells and his wife, Saloma Wells sold this piece of land.

Woodson County Kansas  
Recorder of Deeds

Land Records  
Book 25, page 313

This Indenture, made this 6 day of March in the year of our  
Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Nine, between T K Wells and Saloma  
Wells his wife  
in the County of Woodson and State of Kansas of the first part, and Allis  
Nunn  
In the County of Neosha and Sate of Kansas of the second part:  
Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of  
Sixteen Hundred Dollars  
To them duly paid, have sold, and by these presents do Grant and Convey to the said  
party of the second part, her  
Heirs and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land situated in Woodson County and State of  
Kansas, and described as follows to-wit  
The North half of the North East Quarter of Section Twenty two (22)  
Township twenty four (24) Range fifteen (15) all in Woodson Co.  
Kansas  
With the appurtenances, and all the estate, title and interest of the said parties of the first  
part therein. And the said  
T K Wells and Saloma Wells his wife  
Do hereby covenant and agree that at the delivery hereof they are the lawful owner of the  
premises above granted, and seized of  
A good and indefeasible estate of inheritance therein, free and clear of all encumbrances,  
Except one mortgage  
Of \$400 & inter st & one mortg of \$200 & inst.  
And that they will warrant and defend the same in the quiet and  
Peaceable possession of said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns forever,  
against the lawful claims of all persons.



In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hand and seal the day and year above written.

T K Wells (seal)

Saloma Wells(Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

O. P. Augustine

State of Kansas, Woodson County, ss.

On this 6 day of March A.D. 1889, before me, a Justice of Peace

In and for said County, came T K. Wells and Saloma Wells

His wife

To me personally known to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument, and duly acknowledged

The execution of the same.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal on the day

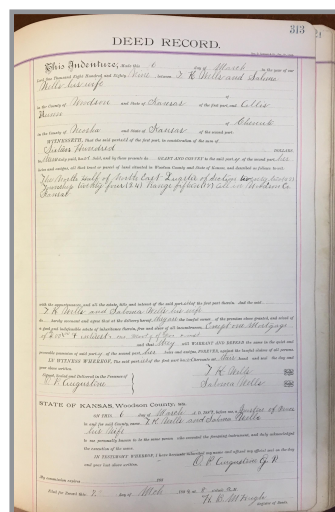
And year last above written.

O. P. Augustine J.P.

Filed for Record this 7 day of Mch 1889 at 8 o'clock a.m.

H. B. M Hugh

Register of Deeds



Because Saloma Wells, the wife, signed the second deed, this confirms that Thurston Kennedy Wells (1821-1893) was the owner of the land in Woodson County, Kansas. I would need to research the land in Michigan to confirm that it is for the OTHER Thurston Wells. However, that land description is consistent with other records found for Thurston Wells and his wife, Mary Miles.

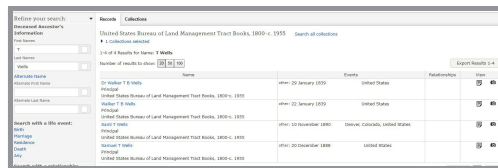
I recently re-read a biography of Thurston K. Wells that was published by the Woodson County Historical Society has me seeking more information about this patent.

Thurston Wells received the Patent for his 80 A. of school land Aug. 15, 1876, when he fulfilled his five years of living there in their cabin.

No author, "The Thurston K. Wells Family," In the Beginning (Woodson County Historical Society), Vol. 19 (#73): page 8.

Based on that information, I tried to find information about 'school' lands in Kansas. My trusty reference book about land records, Land & Property Research in the United States by E. Wade Hone, did not provide any information on 'school' lands. A Google search also wasn't of much help. It did take me to a Kansas State Historical Society site on Land Records that was some help. Of particular interest on that site was reference to the tract books. Using the Kansas Tract Book Guide, I was able to determine that Township 24S of Range 15E was in volume 31.

I then followed the link to the tract book collection on FamilySearch. This led me to the source, United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800- c 1950. Even though this source was searchable, I did not find T K Wells, Thurston Wells or even a T Wells that could be Thurston Wells.



Not willing to give up, I decided to try browsing the images. This led me to a page where I could pick Kansas. Since I had previously found that section 24S of R15E was in volume 31, I was able to select the volume. Working my way thru the images, I came to the page containing section 22 of Township 24 South of Range 15 East. And T. K. Wells was listed!



The information in the tract book contains the same number for the receipt and certificate number as stated on the 1876 Woodson County, Deed.

Looking back at the Bureau of Land Management Site, I discovered that a tract book for Kansas is not on the BLM site. Redoing a search of the BLM site for any patent in section 22 of Township 24 South of Range 15 East, I confirmed that no Wells is listed. I did find a Bailey as the only patent holder in that section.



Going back to the tract book, I confirmed that a F S Bailey was listed under section 22 of T24SR15E. The certificate number and application number on the patent matches the information in the tract book for Bailey.

United States Bureau of Land Tract Books, 1850-c. 1955 Kansas Vol 31

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PART OF SECTION	Section	Township	Range	Acres	Value	Interest	Owner
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SW 1/4	23	24	15	80	2.50	10	J. K. Kelly
SW 1/4	24	24	15	80	2.50	10	W. L. Haggman, (de)
SW 1/4	25	24	15	80	2.50	10	James B. Moore
SW 1/4	26	24	15	80	2.50	10	Joe C. Hagg
SW 1/4	27	24	15	80	2.50	10	John McLean
SW 1/4	28	24	15	80	2.50	10	John Kelly
SW 1/4	29	24	15	80	2.50	10	John Haggman
SW 1/4	30	24	15	80	2.50	10	John Kelly
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SW 1/4	100	24	15	80	2.50	10	John Kelly

Unfortunately, the lack of a record for Thurston K Wells' homestead certificate number 1316 on the BLM General Land Records site is a mystery at this time.

# Iowa Deeds

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Do you have an ancestor that seemed to move around a lot? Have you tried to locate him/her between census years?

I have such an ancestor, Thurston Kennedy Wells. According to the 1860 and 1870 census records, he was living in Kansas. However, family history indicates there is a lot more to the 'story'.

In 1860, Thurston Wells was a widower with two young sons. Clues are still being sought as to what took him to Iowa, but Thurston married Salome Crandall in Van Buren County, Iowa in 1861. After their marriage, they evidently moved to Michigan where some of Thurston's siblings lived. By 1868, they are back in Van Buren County, Iowa where their daughter, Anna was born.

Fortunately, there are deed records to help support this return to Iowa.

In March of 1867, Thurston purchased two lots in the town of South Kesauqua, Van Buren County, Iowa

Mary White to Thurston K Wells

For the consideration of three hundred dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged I Mary white do hereby sell and convey to Thurson K Wells the following described real estate to wit Lots No twelve (12) and fourteen (14) in block two (2) situated in South Kesauqua Van Buren Cuonty Iowa and I covenant that I am lawfully seized [in fee] of the foregranted premises that they are free from all incumbrances and that I will warrant and defend the title thereto against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

Dated this 15th day of March AD 1867

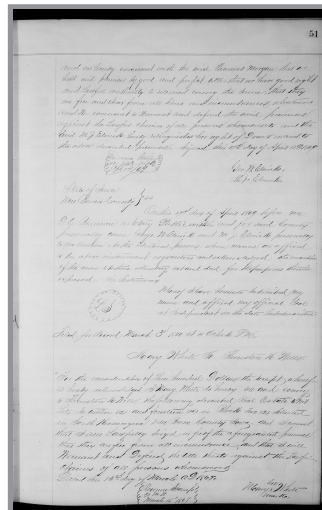
Mary (her mark) white

Revenue Stamp

50 M W

March 15 1867

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In 1870, Thurston and his wife, Salome, sold those two lots. This would have been close to the time Thurston was said to have visited Woodson County, Kansas prior to moving to Kansas.

T K Wells & wife to L W Cauhil

For the consideration of one hundred and sixty dollars we hereby convey to L W [Cauhil] the following real estate to wit Lots No Twelve (12) and fourteen (14) in block No (2) Two situated in South Kesauqua Van Buren County Iowa and we warrant the title against the lawful claims of all persons whomesoever.

Dated this March \_\_ 1870

T K Wells

Salome Wells

Revenue Stamp

50C TKW

March 5th 1870

State of Iowa

Van Buren County

Personally appeared before me E Goddard a Notary Public in and for said county Thurston K Wells and Salome Wells hi wife personally known to me to be the identical persons whose mark appear to the above deed of conveyance as grantors and acknowledged the signing of the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed

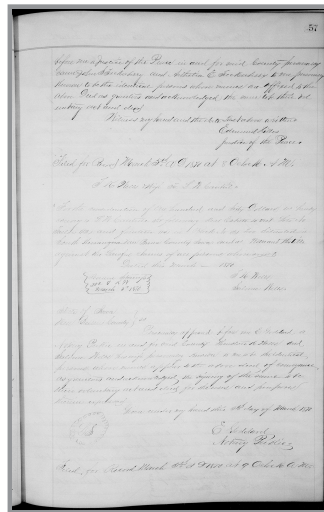
Given under my hand this 5th day of March 1870

E Goddard

Notary Public

Filed for Record March 5th AD 1870 at 9 oclock AM

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# Goals Update

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Did you make a New Year's Resolution for 2021? Have you kept that resolution? What about genealogy goals for 2021? Did you make any?

Since retiring, I have been trying to make (and achieve) genealogy goals each year. Even though I've made progress with my genealogy, I don't think I've been very successful in achieving those goals in past years. However, this year, I am making progress on those goals!

My first goal was to create (and post) a narrative report for each of my second great-grandparents. Since I had already posted reports for my Crawford and Hammond lines, my 2021 goal only included the following:

- Hiram M. Currey
- Angelina Jane Burke
- Albert Hutchinson
- Julia Harding
- Noah Briles
- Sarah Thompson
- James Ricketts
- Rachel Christy
- George Mentzer
- Emeline Minnick
- Thurston Kennedy Wells
- Salome Crandall

My second goal was to do descendency research for my 3rd grandparents and post a report. To avoid posting about living individuals, I am limiting the report to 3 generations of descendants.

- Nelson Crawford / Martha Smith
- Zebulon Foster / Caroline Ostrander
- Horatio Hammond Louisa Fisk
- James Barr Ralston / Nancy McCormick
- Hiram Currey / Rachel Harris
- Henry Burke / Elizabeth Bland
- Aaron Hutchinson / Sarah Merry
- William Harding / Elizabeth Fowler
- Alexander Briles / Sarah Rush
- William Thompson / Polly Evans
- John Ricketts / Orilda Reed
- Samuel Christy / Lyda Gallmore
- Phillip Mentzer / Orinda Miles
- John Minnick / Elizabeth Jones
- Ozias Well / Mary Kennedy
- Lewis Crandall / Almira Nafus

Even though I already had all of these ancestors in my tree, working on these tasks allows me to do the following:

- Clean up sentences associated with each fact (My genealogy software uses these



- sentences to build the narrative reports.)
- Verify sources and update to my current templates
- Transcribe the deeds, obituaries and other records into my genealogy software
- Identify 'holes' in my research and try to find additional information to fill in those holes
- Review family connections to make sure I have sourcing to support those relationships.

A third goal for 2021 was to be more consistent with publishing blog posts. To help me stay on track with this goal, I try to do the following:

- Share family pictures in a 'Throwback Thursday' post
- Use the Amy Johnson Crow's #52 ancestors prompts as a topic for a Saturday post
- Use Randy Seavers' 'Saturday Night Genealogy Fun' prompt as the topic for a Sunday post. (Prompts are posted on Saturday afternoons.)
- For the other four days of the week, I try to share transcribed records, narrative reports, descendency reports and any interesting finds I have made while researching for my first two goals.

So, am I on track with these goals? Looking at my goal to publish the narrative reports, I feel that I will easily accomplish this goal in 2021. When it comes to researching the descendants, one would likely conclude that I am not on track. Since this descendency research involves adding new people to my file and the documentation to support them, it is much more time consuming. Thus, I likely won't accomplish this goal during 2021 – but I am satisfied with my progress.

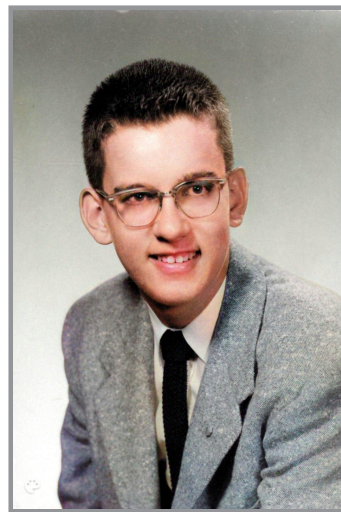
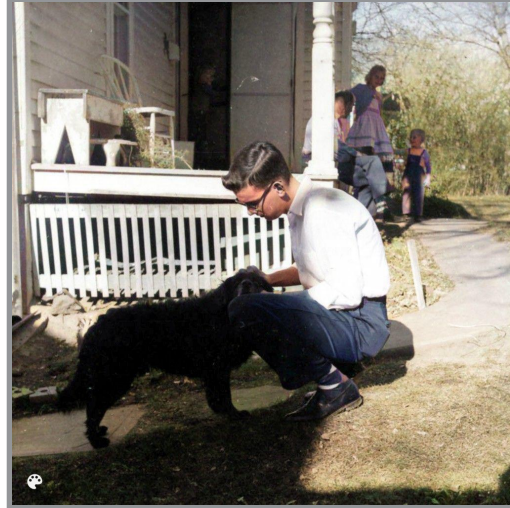
In terms of my blog, I am happy to report that my research goals have made it easy to consistently post on my blog.

Thus, I am pleased with my progress on my 2021 genealogy goals. How about you? Are you satisfied with your progress on your 2021 genealogy goals?

# Throwback Thursday

Thursday, July 01, 2021

LR Crawford



# Wells / White Family Information

Friday, July 02, 2021

Do you have information in your files that was obtained from an older family member that may or may not be accurate? Thanks to the help of a genealogist from Michigan, I received a copy of papers belonging to Preston B. Wells of Michigan. Preston B. Wells was the great-grandson of William Wallace Wells making him my third cousin once removed.

Although the information in these papers may or may not be accurate, it provides a starting point for tracing the Wells family in New York and Michigan.

## 1896 Family Letter

Chittenango, N.Y. Apr. 20, 1896

Dear Uncle:

I am going to inflict you with another genealogical letter. Cousin Hattie & I are still hunting up our ancestors, this time it is the Whites as you will see by the enclosed list, which is copied from a book of the White family: cousin Hattie found it in the Public Library at Utica & says it is very interesting.

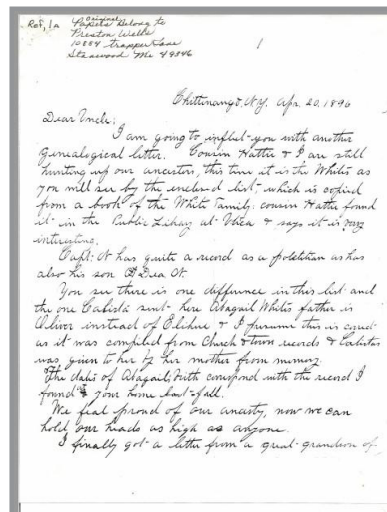
Capt. N has quite a record as a politician as has also his son Dea [N]

You see there is one difference in this list and the one Calista sent here Abigail White's father is Oliver instead of Elihue & I presume this is correct as it was compiled from Church & Town records & Calista was given to her by her mother from memory.

The dates of Abigail's birth correspond with the record I found at your home last fall

We feel proud of our ancestry, now we can hold our heads as high as anyone.

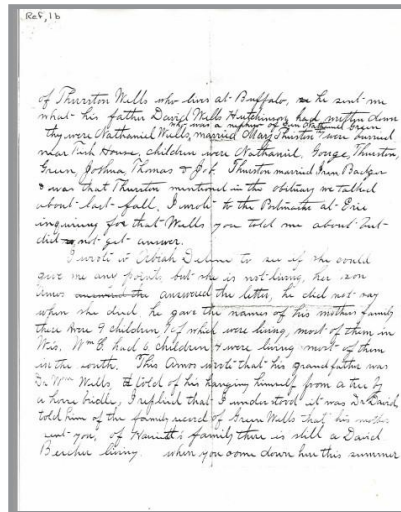
I finally got a letter from a great-grandson of



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Of Thurston Wells who lives at Buffalo, he sent me what his father David Wells Hutchinson had written down they were Nathaniel Wells who was a nephew of Gen Nathaniel Green married Mary Thurston were buried near Fish House, children were Nathaniel, George, Thurston, Green, Joshua, Thomas & Job. Thurston married Iren Badger & was that Thurston mentioned in the obituary we talked about last fall. I wrote to the

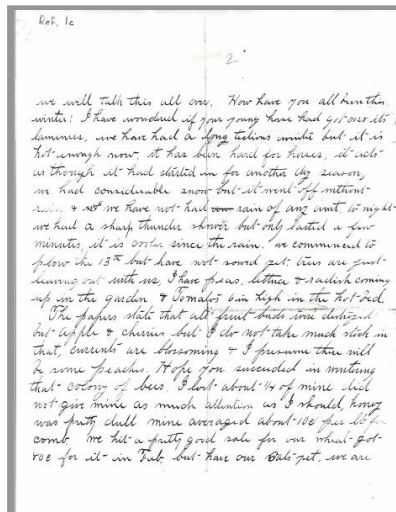
Postmaster at Erie inquiring for that Wells you told me about but did not get answer I wrote to Obiah [Deline] to see if she could give me any ponts, but she is not living, her son Amos answered the letter, he did not say when she died, he gave the names of his mothers family there were nine children, 7 of which were living most of them in Wis. Wm C had 6 children 4 were living most of them in the south. This Amos wrote that his grandfather was Dr. Wm Wells told of his hanging himself from a tree by a horse bridle I replied that I understood it was Dr David, told him of the family record of Green Wells that his mother sent you of Harriett's family there is still a David Bercher living when you come down here this summer



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We will talk this all over. How have you all been this winter: I have wondered if your young horse had got over its lameness, we have had a long tedious winter but it is hot enough now, it has been hard for horses, it ach us though it had started in for another dry season, we had considerable snow but it went off [mthont] rain & we have not had rain of any amt to night we had a sharp thunder shower but only lasted a few minutes, it is cooler since the rain we commenced to plow the 13th but have not sowed yet. Trees are just leaving out with us, I have peas, lettuce & radish coming up in the garden & tomat 6 in high inthe hot bed.

The papers state that all fruit buds were destroyed but apple & cherries but I do not take much stock in that, currents are blossoming & I presume there will be some peaches. Hope you succeeded in nurturing that colony of bees. Ilost about 1/4 of mine did not give mine as much attention as I should, honey was pretty dull mine averaged about 10 c per ob for comob. We hit a pretty good sale for our wheat got 80 c for it in Feb. But have our oats yet. We are



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Going to have considerable hay to sell, it has been 415 to \$16 our alfalfa has killed badly shall plow up the most of it but shall try again on land that is drier it heaved out in low places.

We are as well as usual. George's children have all had the measles so they are pretty well tired out, our children have not had them yet.

The Petboro friends were well the last we heard

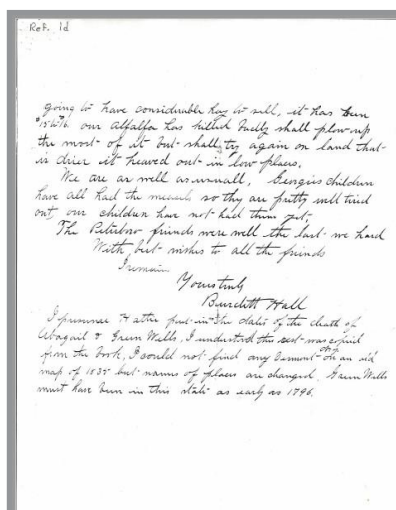
With best wishes to all the friends

I remain

Yours truly

Burdett Hall

I presume Hattie put in the dates of the death of Abigail & Green Wells, I understood this rest was copied from the book, I could not find any Vermont N.Y. on an old map of 1835 but names of places are changed. Green Wells must have been in this state as early as 1796.



Wells family information

Original papers belong to

Preston Wells  
Stanwood MI 49346

### Nathaniel Wells' Family

Nathaniel Wells married Mary Thurston  
Children

Nathaniel married — Swain

George married Eunice White

Thurston b 1756 married Iren Badger

Joshua married Katie Conant

Susan married Stephen Shoe

Polly married Isaac Hollenbeck

Kissiah married John Bovee

Thomas married

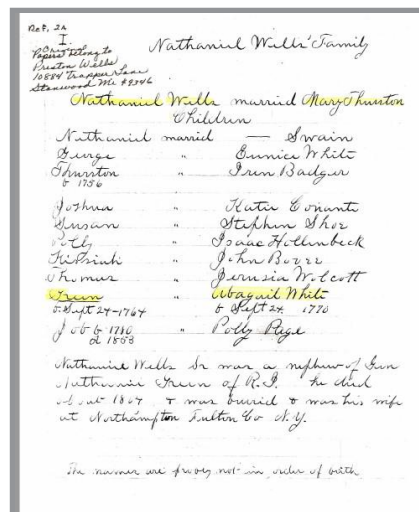
Jerusia Wolcott

Green b. Sept 24 0 1764 married Abigail White b Sept 24 1770

Job B 1780 d 1853 married Polly Page

Nathaniel wells Sr was a nephew of gen Nathaniel Green of r.I. he died about 1804 & was buried & was his wife at Horthampton Fulton Co N.Y.

The names are probly not in order of birth



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### Record Wells Family

Benjamin F Wells born March 27 1819 died Dec 25 1892

Thurston H Wells born Feb. 26 1821

William W Wells born Jan 9 1823

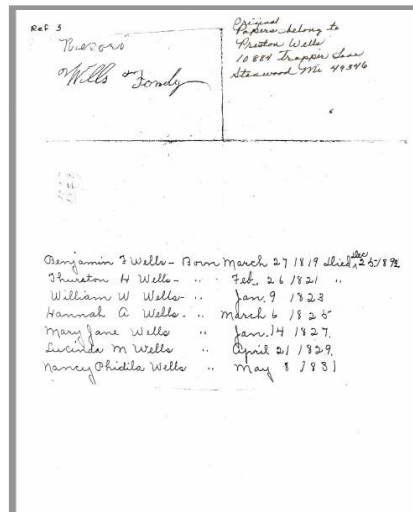
Hannah A Wells born March 6 1825

Mary Jane Wells born Jan. 14 1827

Lucinda M Wells born April 21 1829

Nancy Phidila Wells born May 8 1831

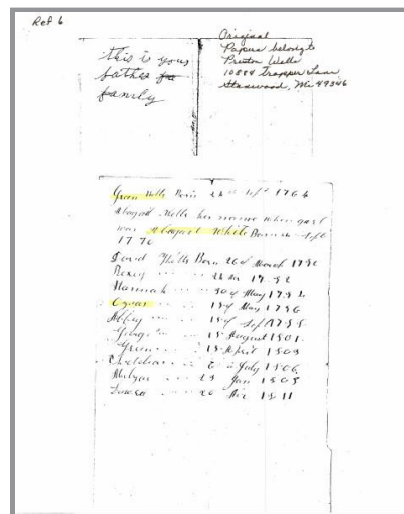




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This is your fathers family

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 Abigail Wells her name when garl  
 Was Abigail White borne Sept 1770  
 David Wells born 26 march 1790  
 Roxey Wells born 24 [mar] 1792  
 Hannah born 30 May 1792  
 Ozias born 15 May 1756  
 Abbey born 15 Sept 1798  
 George born 15 August 1801  
 Green born 15 April 1803  
 'Cheddar] born [3] July 1806  
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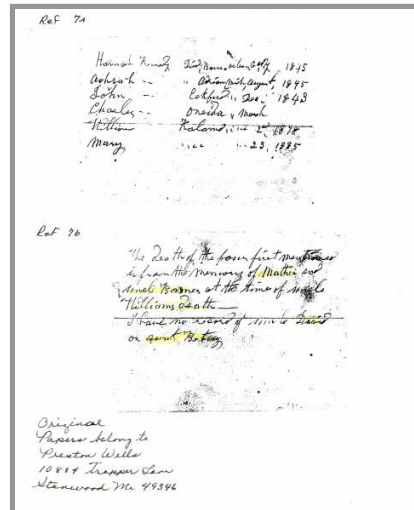


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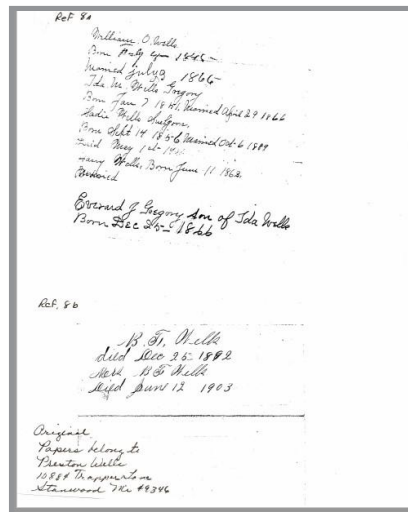
Hannah Kennedy died [Ba? NY] 1845  
 Ashsah died [Adrian Mich] August 1845  
 John died Eckford Dec 1843  
 Charles died Oneida March  
 William died [Koland] Marh 2 1878  
 Mary died March 23 1885

The death of the four first mentioned is from the memory of mother and Uncle Barnes at  
 the time of uncle William's death  
 I have no record of uncle David or Aunt Betsey



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 William O Wells  
 Born [July ?] 1845  
 Married July 3 1866  
 Ida M Well Gregory  
 Born Jan 7 1851 married April 29 1866  
 Sadie Wells[Suclgove]  
 Born Sept 14 1856 married Oct 6 1889  
 Died May 12st 1926  
 Harry Wells born June 11 1863  
 Married  
 Everard j [Geogory] son of Ida Wells  
 Born Dec 25 1866

B. F. Wells  
 Died Dec 25 1892  
 Mrs B F Wells  
 Died Jun 12 1903



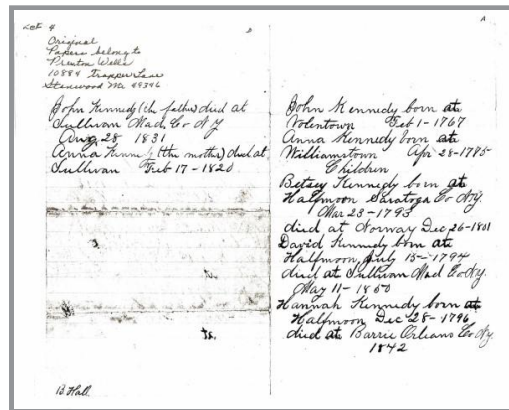
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Article For 66 Long Years from Homer Index, Homer Mi



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John Kennedy (the father) died at  
Sullivan Mad Cr N Y  
Aug 28 1831  
Anna Kennedy (the mother) died at  
Sullivan Feb 17 – 1920

John Kennedy born at  
Volentown Feb 1 1767  
Anna Kennedy born at  
Williamstown Apr 28 1785  
Children  
Betsey Kennedy born at  
Halfmoon Saratoga CcrNY  
Mar 23 1793  
Died at Norway Dec 26 1801

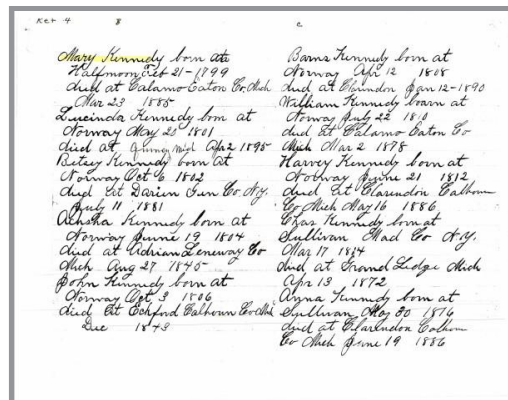
David Kennedy born at  
Halfmoon July 15 1794  
Died at Sullivan Mad Co NW  
Mar 11 1850  
Hannah Kennedy born  
Halfmoon Dec 28 1796  
Died at Barrie Orleans Co Ny  
1842



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Mary Kennedy born at  
Halfmoon Feb 21 1799  
Died at Calamo Eaton Cr Mich  
Mar 23 1885  
Lucinda Kennedy born at  
Norway May 20 1801  
Died at [Quincy] Mich Apr 2 1895  
Betsey Kennedy born at  
Norway Oct 6 1802  
Died at Dariin Gen Co NY  
July 11 1881  
Achsha Kennedy born at  
Norway June 19 1804  
Died at Adrian Leneway Co  
Mich Aug 27 1845  
John Kennedy born at  
Norway Oct 3 1806  
Died at Eckford Calhoun Co Mich  
Dec 1843

Barns Kennedy born at  
Norway Apr 12 1808  
Died at Clarendon Jan 12 1890  
William Kennedy born at  
Norway July 22 1810  
Died at Calamo Eaton Co  
Mich Mar 2 18778  
Harvey Kennedy born at

Norway June 21 1812  
 Died at Clarendon Calhoun  
 Co Mich May 16 1886  
 Chas Kennedy born at  
 Sullivan Mad Co NY  
 Mar 17 1814  
 Died at Grand Lodge Mich  
 Apr 13 1872  
 Anna Kennedy born at  
 Sullivan May 30 1816  
 Died at Clarendon Calhoun  
 Co Mich June 19 1886



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Green Wells Family

Green Wells b. Sept 24, 1764 d Dec 13, 1845 in Barre Orleans Co NY

Abigail White b Sept 24 1770 d July 30 1852 in Barre Orelans Co NY

Married Feb 11 1789

Children

David b Mar 26 1790 m Love Bacon

ROxie b Nov 24 1792 m Harris

Hanna b May 30 1794 m Perry G Palmer

Ozias b May 15 1796 in Northampton Fulton Co NY

D Aug 5 1832 in Princeton Mercer Co NJ

Married Mar 18 1818 by Job wells

In Sullivan Mad Co N.Y. Mary Kennedy

B Feb 21 1799

Abby b Sept 15 1798 m Ora Lee 1819

Abby d June 15 1882 in Barre Orleans Co N.Y.

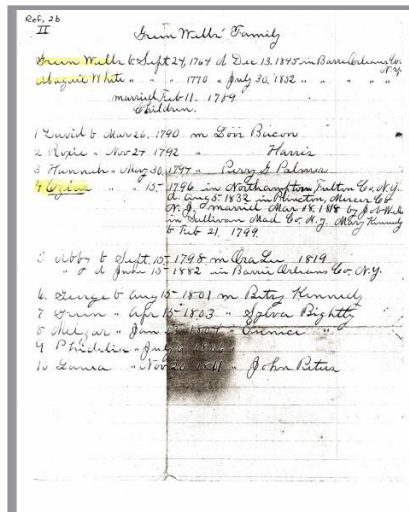
George b Aug 15 1801 m Betsy Kennedy

Green b Apr 15 1803 m Sylva Bightly

Melzar b Jan [?] 1804 {Eunice} Bightly

Phidelia b July 6 1806

Laura b Nov 20 1811 m John Peters



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Ozias wells married Mary Kennedy

In Sullivan Mad Co N.Y. Mar 18, 1818 by

Job wells Esq

Children

Benjamin F b Sat Mar 27 1879 in Sullivan Mad Co N.Y.

M Apr 30 – 48 Clarendon Mich by P. M. Kichky

Thurston K b Mon Feb 26 1821

M 1st Aug 12 48 Marshall Eder Hobart

2 May 18 51 Sullivan N.Y. Rev [geo] Col [grove]

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Wm w b Thurs Jan 9 1823

M Jan 18 42 Clarendon Rev. Southwirth

Hannah A b Sat Mar 6 – 25

M Dec 24-48 Chittenango N.J.

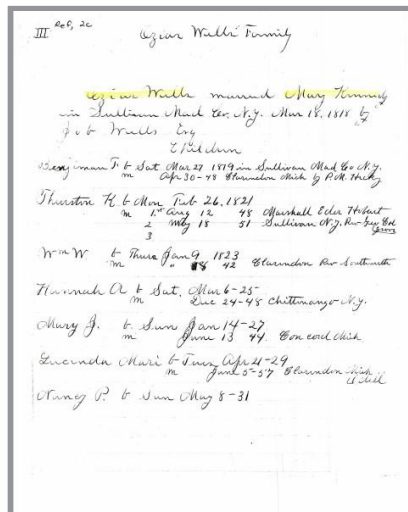
Mary J b Sun Jan 14 – 27

M June 13 44 Concord Mich

Lucinda Mari b Tues Apr 21 29

M June 5 57 Clarendon Mich [D chil]

Nancy P. B Sun May 8 31



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## White Family

1 – Elder John White was born between 1659 & 1605

His home was supposed to have been in Chelmsford Essex Co England

He arrived in Boston with wife & two children Sept 16 1632 on the ship Lyon, Capt. Pierce, after a passage of eight weeks

In company with him came Rev Thomas Hooker & Elder John white was identified with his church in Cambridge

2 – Capt Nathaniel White 1st son of Elder John White b in

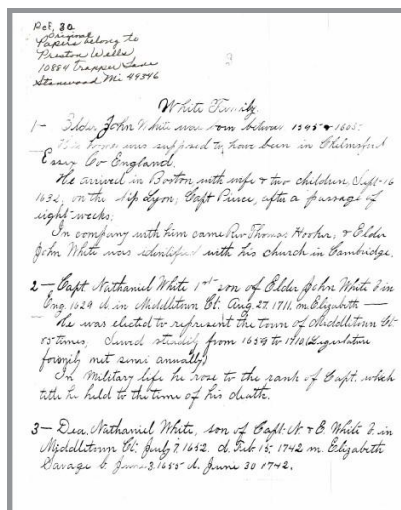
Eng 1629 d in Middletown Ct Aug 27 1711. M. Elizabeth —

He was elected to represent the town of Middletown Ct 85 times served steadily from 1659 to 1710 (Legislature family met semi annally)

In military life he rose to the rank of capt. Which title he held to the time of his death

3 – Dea Nathaniel White, son of Capt N. & E. White b in

Middletown Ct July 7, 1652 died Feb 15, 1742 m Elizabeth Savage b. June 3 1655 d June 30 1742



He was one of the founders of Hadley Mass. & Selectman for fifty years.

4 – John White third child of Dea N & E. White b in Hadley Mass Nov 28 1682 d about 1766 b Jan 5 1715 Martha Church b Sept 23 1682. Date of death unknown

5 – Oliver White fourth child of J & M White b in Hadley Mass. June 28 1724 d 1784 m.

Abigail Selden Jan 18 1755

Children of Oliver & Abigail White

Oliver b. Dec. 19, 1755

Elizabeth b Nov. 29, 1757 m. Phneas Clark

Moses b Dec 3, 1759 m Chloe Rich

[Jirnsha] b Mar 5 1762 m Seth Kellogg

Eunic b Mar 18 1764 m George Wells

Elihue b Mar 8 1766 d Mar 27 1766

Esther b Apr 2 1768 m William Ingham

Abigail b Sept 24, 1770 m Green Wells

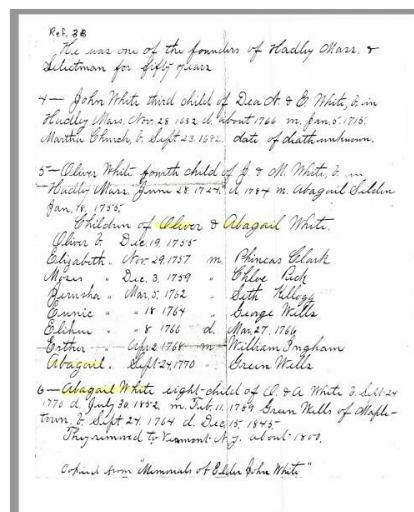
6 – Abigail white eight child of O and A white b Sept 24

1770 d. July 30, 1852, m. Feb. 11, 1789 Green Wells of Maple

Town b Sept 24, 1764 d. Dec 15 1845

They removed to Vermont NY about 1800

Copied form Memorials of Elder John White





# Land Dispute

Saturday, July 03, 2021

#52Ancestors #Conflict

Do you have copies of records that have never been transcribed? I know that I have quite a few in my files. That is one of the reasons I'm going back thru my direct line ancestors and creating narrative reports. In the process of creating those reports, I'm making sure I work on transcribing their records.

I recently started working to update the descendants of Hiram M. Currey of Peoria County, Illinois. In the process, I noticed a fact for a land dispute with an incomplete source. That source turned out to be Box 29 from the Peoria County, Illinois court records for the H. M. Curry vs Isaac Underhill case.

Unfortunately, the documents in the box do not indicate who won the court case.

Below is a transcription of those documents:

Peoria County, Illinois  
Court Records Box 29

H.M. Curry vs Isaac Underhill

Copy obtained by Fred Vatko (Peoria County Genealogical Society)

Quincy  
No 8250  
Hiram M Curry  
Recd in letter from this  
[Honl] John T Stuart, dated  
30 Dec 1839

Sec Comm & reply of  
The 2 Jan'y 1840

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State Bank of [Illinois] 45 {?} 4.20  
Receiver's Office, Quincy, Illinois  
No. 8250  
May 30 1836  
Received from Hiram M Currey  
Of Peoria County, Illinois the sum of  
Forty four  
Dollars and twenty cents, being in full payment for the  
Southwest fractional  
Quarter of section five  
Township No. Ten north of the base line of Range Nine  
East of the 4th principal meridian, containing thirty five  
Acres and 36/100 of an acre at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre  
\$44.20 Tho Carlin receiver

Pre act 1834  
Conflicting with county  
7392

No. 8250  
30 May 1836  
I Hiram M Curry  
Of Peoria

County, and State of Illinois do hereby apply for the purchase of the South  
West fractional qr of section numbered five  
in township numbered ten north of range numbered  
Nine East of the fourth principal meridian  
containing thirty five 36/100 acres

35.36

8.84

44.20

According to the returns of the Surveyor General, for which I have agreed with the  
Register to  
give at the rate of one dollar and twenty five cents per acre.

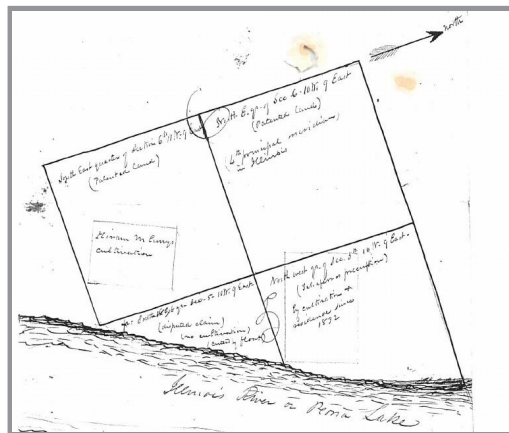
I, Samuel Alexander, Register of the Land Office at Quincy, Illinois, do hereby certify  
that the quarter section above described, contains 35 36  
acres, as mentioned; and that the price agreed upon is \$1.25 per acre

Re Act 1834

[?]icting 7392

Saml Alexander, Register

[CUMBERLAND COUNTY}



State of illinois  
Peoria County

I Thomas Phillips County Surveyor within & for the aforesaid county; do  
hereby state on oath, that I surveyed in the year 1837 fractional section  
#5 10 North Range 9 East of the 4th principal meridian; and that no part of  
the south west fractional quarter of the fractional section aforesaid bore any  
appearance of ever having been enclosed or cultivated. The cultivation by which  
it appears Hiram M Currey proved a right of presumption to the said fractional

quarter; was on the adjoining patented quarter. The nearest part of the said cultivation does not come within fourteen chains, of the fractional quarter claimed by Curry. deponent further states that certificate signed by himself and forwarded to the commissioner of the general land office certifying that "Curry's improvements were on said fraction aforesaid; was an imposition practised on said deponent by one Charles Balla[ne] of Peoria, Ills; and that said deponent signed the same without fully understanding the contents of said certificate; said deponent further states from the best of his knowledge & belief the above plat of said fractional qtr claimed by Curry is a correct on; given under my hand this twenty fourth day of May in the year

One thousand eight hundred & thirty Eight  
[?] Phillips CSPC

Subscribed and sworn to before me William Mitchell  
Clerk of the County Commissioners Court within and  
For the County of Peoria and State of Illinois this  
26 day of May AD 1838. Given under my hand  
and seal of said Court of Peoria  
this 26 day of May AD 1838  
William Mitchell  
Clerk

Survey & Affidavit of  
Thos Philipps County Surveyor  
Peoria Cy Ill. Relative to  
Twp 5 10N 9E

In relation to Hiram M  
Curry's claim to sd qr section  
G.S.O.  
Filed by King & Wilson 9th  
Jun 1838  
C.S.P.

Rec'd June 1838

Surveyor's Office  
Peoria County  
State of Illinois

I Thomas Phillips surveyor of said county do hereby certify that I have surveyed section no five in township ten North of the base line and range nine east of the fourth principal meridian according to the original field notes a copy of which I have procured from the surveyor general' office at St. Louis and find by accurate measurement that the East and West line running through the middle of said sec-

tion runs through the field said to have been  
cultivated by Hiram M. Curry in the year  
1833 dividing it in such a manner as to throw  
a part of said cultivation on the South  
West fractional quarter and the residue which  
is much the larger portion on the north  
West fraction quarter of said section given  
from under my hand at my office this 26  
Day of November 1836  
Thomas Phillips SPC

State of Illinois  
Peoria County

I William Mitchell Clerk of the County Commissioners  
Court within & for said County, do hereby certify that  
Thomas Phillips Esqr is the County Surveyor within and for the County  
of Peoria aforesaid (duly commissioned & qualified) that his commission  
was dated on the 12th day of August A.D. 1835 and will expire in  
August 1839 — as it appears to me of record in my office and  
that his signature following certificate is genuine  
in testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and seal of said Court at  
Peoria this 15th day of May AD 1838  
William Mitchell  
Clerk

I Charles Ballan[ce] upon oath do state that the above certificate of  
Thomas Phillips was signed by him in my presence  
C Ballance

Subscribed & sworn to before me  
This 15 day of May AD 1838  
William Mitchell  
Clerk County Commissioners  
Court Peoria County  
Ills

State of Illinois  
Peoria County  
I Linus Scovil of lawful age being  
first duly sworn depose and say that I am the  
justice of the peace of said county before whom  
the witnesses were sworn who established Hiram  
M. Curry's right of re-emption to the South West  
fractional quarter of Section No 5 in Township  
10 North of the base line and Range No 9 East of the  
4th principal meridian when James Cannon and Har-  
ris Whittaker were afterwards brought before me by  
Isaac Underhill to recount upon oath the statements  
they had formerly made I at first refused to  
swear them to said last mentioned affidavits on ac

count of its apparently involving them in perjury and I inquired of them their motive for so great inconsistency. They informed me that Isaac Underhill and Jefferson Taliaferro (who had [floated] on said Curry's claim) informed them that they (said Underhill & Taliaferro) had had said land surveyed and had ascertained that no part of the field which said Curry had cultivated in 1833 was on said tract of land and therefore as said Curry had [during] said was cultivated nowhere else they were guilty of perjury in swearing he had cultivated a part of said tract during said year and that said Underhill and Taliaferro had threatened to persecute them for perjury unless they would recant upon oath the statements aforesaid respecting said Curry's pre-emption. I further state that I am well acquainted with all the parties and the premises in dispute that said Curry is a poor man who to my certain knowledge has lived upon the land in dispute ever since some time in the year 1832 until a few months past his family has

Been absent (as is said) upon a visit to distant relatives That I called to see said Curry some time the fall of 1833 and found him sowing a crop of wheat and had at the time a crop of corn and pumpkins grown The field he was cultivating was always understood to be the fraction of section 5 township 10 North of range 9 East partly on the NW qr and partly on the SW qr but having [nev] er surveyed it can not say possibly where an East & west line would run but have no doubt that the house and part of the field are on the SW fractional quarter Said Witnesses are very young and could I presume be easily frightened or persuaded to make such recantation without any criminal intention I was at the time said Curry settled on said land living in said neighborhood and have ever since lived there Given from under my hand this 28th day of January 1837.  
Linus Scovill (seal)

State of Illinois  
Peoria County

This day personally appeared  
Before me William Mitchell  
A notary Public of said County Linus Scovill personally known to me to be the identical person who subscribed and swore to the foregoing instrument of [[writing] and deposed that the statements therein made are just and true

according to the best of his knowledge & beliefs  
I also certify that the said Linus Scovill is  
a man of integrity & credibility and that his  
statements on oath may be relied on Given  
under my hand and seal notarized  
at Peoria this 28th January AD 1837  
William Mitchell

I Alexander [Forsh] being of lawful age and first duly  
sworn testify that sometime in the summer of the  
year 1836 in the town of Peoria I heard a conver-  
sation between Isaac Underhill and another indi-  
vidual respecting his speculations at Rome on the  
Illinois River in which said Underhill boasted of  
having defeated the pre-emption of a settler in that  
neighborhood by procuring his witnesses to swear that  
their affidavits by which they established the pre-emp-  
tion were not true In that part of the conversation  
which was in my hearing he stated distinctly that he had  
paid one of said witnesses to with William M. E. Bogar-  
dus the sum of two hundred dollars or four hundred  
dollars (I am not certain which) to procure him to go  
before a justice of the peace and recant upon oath  
his former affidavit My impression is that he  
did not give the name of the person whose pre-emp-  
tion he had endeavored to destroy but he described it  
as being a fraction and otherwise so spoke of it as  
to have no doubt that it was the pre-emption of  
Hiram M. Curry to which he alluded and further this  
affiant [soweth] not  
Alex H Fash

State of Illinois  
Peoria County  
I William Martin a justice of the peace  
in and for said county do hereby certify that  
on the ninth day of November A D 1837 person  
all appeared before me Alexander H [Forsh] and  
was by me sworn to the truth of the foregoing  
affidavit given under my hand the date  
aforesaid  
W Martin J P

State of Illinois  
Peoria County

I, William Mitchell, Clerk of the County  
Commissioners' Court for said county, do hereby certify that William  
Martin, Esquire, whose name appears to the foregoing certificate, was, on  
the day of the date thereof, an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for the county  
aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, as it appears to me of record in my  
office; and that, as such, full faith and credit are due to all his official acts.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my  
hand, and affixed the seal of said court, at Peoria  
this Seventh day of December 1839  
William Mitchell Clerk

I Charles Ballomce do solemnly swear that shortly  
after Isaac Underhill had filed the affidavits of  
William M C [Bojorne] and others in the land office  
to defeat H. M. Curry's right of pre-emption to a tract of  
land adjoining Rome in the county of Peoria Ill that  
said Curry state to me that said Bogardus had ackn-  
owledged to him that said Underhill had bribed him  
for the sum of four hundred dollars to swear to an affi-  
davit contradicting his former affidavit which he  
[had] given to establish said Curry's pre-emption  
that supposing if said statement was  
true it was not susceptible of proof I paid little  
attention to it until about two months ago said Curry in-  
formed me he could prove said charge by Alexander H.  
[Forsh] part not having an opportunity to take his  
affidavit then and his residence being several  
miles from here I had not a convenient opportunity  
to take it until November 9th last past and it was not  
then forwarded to the general land office because I  
wished to procure further testimony especially  
the testimony of Luther sears who was an associate  
of said Underhill and who I understood from Forst  
knew all about it On this day I called on said Sears who stated  
that he heard said [Bocardus] and Underhill bargain-  
ing about said affidavit Underhill offered a price  
to Bocardus if he would upon oath recant his former affidavit  
Bocardus refused to do it for the price offered but agreed  
to do it for a large price after a number offers were  
made and refused a sum was agreed upon and

the affidavit was made out and sworn to by said Bocardus,  
and the price paid by said Underhill, as he understood from  
them both, but what was the amount paid said Sears,  
could not recollect. After said matter was arranged said  
Sears stated that said Underhill explained the transaction  
to him and told him that it was Hiram M. Curry's pre-  
emption claim near Rome that said affidavit was  
taken to defeat. Said Underhill explained his having to give  
so high a price for this affidavit to be that in addition  
to the reluctance of the witness to contradict himself he was  
interested in Curry's claim, and it was necessary to give  
him more then his interest amounted to to get him  
to swear against Curry said Seas who seemed to know all about  
the said transaction stated that he had 'no doubt there was  
perjury in the business.'" I then asked him if he would  
give an affidavit stating these fact, to which he answered-  
ed that being a friend of Mr.Underhills he would not



give any statement on oath on the subject, unless required  
in a court of justice and in this case he would swear  
to the facts as declared to me and related above and further this affi  
ant [south] not  
Charles Balland  
Subsribe and sworn to before me this 7th day  
of December AD 1839. In testimony whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and  
seal of the County Commissioners Court  
of Peoria County, Sate of Illinois this  
day & year last aforesaid  
william Mitchell Clk

State of Illinois  
Peoria County

Clerks Office County Commissioners [County]  
William Mitchell clerk of said Court  
do hereby certify that Linus Scovill Esqr whose  
name appears written to the within certificate was at  
this time the same was made an acting Justice  
of the Peace in and for said County duly  
Commissioned and qualified as affiant of  
record in my office and that as such full  
faith and credit an [act of rights] ought  
to be given to [?] his official acts given  
under my hand and seal  
said Court at Peoria this  
25th day of May AD 1836  
William Mithcell  
Clk Co Commr PC

8250  
Cancelled  
Quincy

Money ordered to be re-  
funded by the Secretary  
of the Treasurey — See letter  
to the Regt & Recv dated  
11th April 1845

Cancelled

Money ordered to be  
refunded see letter to  
R & R 3d Oct 1838

See letter from Honr John t  
Stuart enclosing live affidavits  
herewith filed — & letter dated 30th  
Dec 1839 – & Commr reply of 2 Jany

1840 – also letter to R&R of same  
date

We James Cannon and Harris Wittaker  
do solemnly swear that Hiram M curry  
is not entitled to a preemption to the South  
West fractional qtr of Sec No 5 10 N 9 East  
for which he has our evidence to his  
preemption papers being date 19th March  
AD 1836, we were at together unacquainted  
with the boundarys of said fractional qr  
until a recent survey of the same  
and hereby swear that said Curry  
never cultivated any part thereof to  
our knowlege as set forth in said  
preemption papers

James Cannon

his

Harris Wittaker

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 24th day of May 1836

Linus Scoville

Justice of the Peace

I William M C Bogardus hereby make  
oath that Hiram M Curry is not entitled  
to a presentation to the SW fractional qr  
of Sec no 5 10 North 9 East for which  
he has my affadavit concerning I do  
not want the Register to receive said  
affadavit as there is a mistake in the  
same and further that I swear  
that the section lines do not  
come within three or four rods of the  
fence where he states that he cultivated  
the same, and further one of the [whitnesses]  
is Curry's own son, and the other is  
under age  
[W M ? Bogandus]

State of Illinois

Peoria County

I Lewis Bigelow, an acting

Justice of the Peace within and for

the county of Peoria, hereby certify that on the 23d day  
of May AD 1836 the above named William M. C. Bogar  
dens personally appeared before me and made oath to  
the truth of the foregoing affidavit by him subscribed

Lewis Bigelow, J. Peace

State of Illinois

Peoria County  
Clerks Office County Commissioners Court  
William Mitchell Clerk of said Court  
I hereby certify that Lewis Bigelow Esqr whose  
name appears to the foregoing certificate was at  
the time the same was made an acting Justice  
of the Peace in and for said county regularly  
commissioned and qualified as appoint of  
record in my office and as such full  
faith and credit are[and ? rights]  
[?] given to are his official acts. In Tes-  
timony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal of said  
County at Peoria this twenty fifth  
day of May A.D. 1836  
William Mitchell  
Ck

Cancelled  
Certificate  
8250  
and proof belonging thereto

Certificate Cancelled  
See letter to R & R 3d Oct  
1838 also letter  
from the Hon John T Stuart  
dated 30 Oct 183[7] & Commr  
reply of 2d Jany 1840 & letter  
of same date to R & R

Charles Ballance of Peoria of lawful age deposes  
and says in addition to his foregoing that he  
has been acquainted with Hiram M Curry  
since early in 1832 That in the latter part  
said year this deponent and said Curry were  
two of the Commissioners appointed by the County  
of Peoria to locate a road towards Knoxville to  
pass on the North line of the above described  
tract that this deponent was then in the house  
of said Curry and has frequently been on  
the premises same and states of his own knowl-  
edge that said Curry has ever since resided on  
said land with his family neither has  
he ever heard of his having had any othe rhome  
during said time nor has he heard of any  
other person having a claim to said land  
unti the last week  
C Ballance  
Subscribed & Sworn to  
before me on this 30th  
day of May 1836.

J H [Racton] J. P.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 19th day  
of March 1836  
Linus Scovill J P

We do swear that the subscribing witnesses to the  
within preemption proof are persons of  
respectability and their oath entitled to credit  
William, Fletcher, Thompson  
Linus Scoville junr

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this  
26th day of March 1836  
Linus scovill JP

I do hereby certify that the above named witnesses  
are persons of respectability and their oath entitled  
to credit  
Linus Scovill J P

State of Illinois

Peoria County

To wit: William Mitchell clerk of the county

Commissioners Court for said county do certify that Linus  
Scovill Esqr whose name appears to the foregoing certificates  
was on the day of the date thereof an acting Justice of the Peace  
in and for said county, duly commissioned and qualified  
[seal covering ] to me of record in my office and that as such  
[seal covering] and credit are due & are his official acts

In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed the seal of said  
Court at Peoria this 21st day of May 1836  
William Mitchell, Clk

I do solemnly swear that I was in actual occupancy  
of and raised a crop on the South west fractional  
qr of sec 5 town 10 north of range 9 East of the  
4th principal meridian in the year 1833 and  
that I was in actual possession and occupancy  
of the same at the passage of the law on the 19th  
of June 1834 and am still in possession and I  
hereby apply to enter the same by preemption  
agreeably to the Act of Congress in that care  
made and provided

Hiram M Currey

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this  
19th day of March 1836  
Linus Scovill JP

We do solemnly swear that Hiram m Currey was  
in actual occupancy of and raised a crop on the South  
west fractional qr of Sec 5 in Town 10 North of Range

9 East of the 4th principal Meridian in the year 1833 and that he was in actual occupancy of the same on the 19th of June 1834 and still is in possession and that we are not interested directly or indirectly in his obtaining a preemption

Silas Allen

Hames Camon

Harris (his mark) Whitaker

To the Honorable Thomas Ford Judge of the Peoria Circuit Court in Chancery sitting humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honor your [or tor] Hiram M. Curry that heretofore to wit in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty [twp] your orator found the south West fractional quarter of section no. five Township ten North of the base line and Range nine East of the fourth principal meridian vacant and unoccupied land belonging to the government of the United States of America and your orator being desirous of obtaining a home in this part of the country and aid land having not then been proclaimed for sale took possession thereof with the intention of making thereon a permanent home and paying for the same when it should be offered for sale by the government Your orator further sheweth unto our Honor that he cultivated a portion of said fractional section of land in and during the year AD one thousand eight hundred thirty-three and had a dwelling house thereon which he was living with his family on the nineteenth of June A D 1834 and was consequently entitled to enter a right of pre-emption thereto under the laws of Congress of said last and was thereby entitled to buy said tract at one dollar and twenty five cents per acre at any time before the nineteenth day of June A D 1836 And your orator well hoped that he would be permitted the peaceable enjoyment of his [family] home made in those early times amidst privations and dangers But now so it is may it Please your Honor one Isaac Underhill who is hereby made a defendant to this bill sometime the second day of April in the year A D 1836 went to the land office at Quincy Illinois and fraudently represented said tract of land to the Register of said land office as government land on which no right of pre-emption

existed and entered said land by means of a floating right obtained under said pre-emption law in the name of one Charles Hayes who is hereby prayed to be made a defendant to this bill And afterwards to wit in or about the second day of My Ad 1836 the said Underhill presured said Hayes to make an assignment of said tract of land to one Jefferson Taliaferro who is

also prayed to be made a defendant to  
this bill

Your orator further shares that in the  
month of April AD 1836 said Underhill surveyed said  
tract into town lots and had a plat thereof made and  
recorded in the recorders office of said county under the  
name of 'Taliaferro's Additon Rome' and on the  
fifteenth of said month obtained from said Taliferro  
a deed to a portion thereof but whether the whole legal  
title that said Taliaferro obtained or may [cu] supposed  
to have obtained from said Hayes has been conveyed  
to said Underhill your orator does not know  
And your orator showeth unto your honor that said  
Underhill further to embarrass and defraud your orator sold divers  
portions of said tract of land to divers persons  
whose names are at present unknown to your orator but  
whose names when ascertained your orator prays may  
[?] have and they made defendants hereunto  
Your orator further showeth unto your honor that your  
orator during the existence of said pre-emption land to wit  
on the day of June AD 1836 procured all the neces-  
sary proofs to be filed in said land office to establish a  
right of pre-emption in your orator to said tract of land  
whereupon said register and Receiver decided that your  
orator was entitled to said land notwithstanding the

orator was entitled

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said entry made by said Underhill as aforesaid and  
your orator thereupon bought said land of said Register  
and Receiver pursuant to the provisions of said pre-  
emption law and received the usual duplicate receipt  
showing that fact which duplicate is herewith shown  
to the court and prayed to be taken as a part of this  
bill Your orator further showeth unto your Honor  
that after said last mentioned entry or purchase was  
made said Underhill procured and sent tot he commissioners  
of the general land office, certain affidavits tending to prove that  
if the line between the North and South halves of said  
section was properly surveyed the cultivation would fall on the  
north half whereas his house was on the South half to  
rebut which your orator procured and sent to the commissioner  
of the General land office an official certificate of the county  
surveyor of Peoria county certifying that he had run said  
line bounding to the original field notes and a portion of said  
cultivation was on the tract in controversy on the  
reception of which said commissioner adjudged your  
orators evidence conclusive but for form's sake sent  
back the surveyors certificate with a request that the  
county seal might be attached to[document] the official  
[hamiter] of said surveyor whereupon your orator [pro-]  
[red]said sent to be attached this to with the certificate of

said clerk that of the official character of said surveyor and all that said commissioners required being complied with your orator rested cont[ent] and well hopes the question was settled forever but to your orators utter astonishment and dismay some months afterwards he received a letter from Samuel [Leech] Commissioner of the said land office at Quincy enclosing a copy of a letter which it was stated that the claim of your orator was adjudged bad and the claim of said Underhill who held under said Haye's as aforesaid adjudged good and that it was filed away for a patent to issue in due course

And afterwards to with on the twenty first day of January AD one thousand eight hundred and forty a patent was made out in due form granting said land absolutely from the United States to said Charles' Hayes

But if your orator charges the legal title to said land is in said Hayes and has not passed so said Taliaferro Underhill & many of their [minders] for your orator charges that said assignment is not such an instrument as can pass the legal title in said premises

All of which outings and doings of the said under Hayes, Taliaferro and their confederate are contrary to equity and good [measure] and tend to the many injury and impoverishment of your orator whereupon you as much as your orator is without relief under the [strict]ness of the common laws but is re[trevable] in a court of equity only where matters of this

sort are properly cognizable and relievable therefore May it please your honor to grant unto your orator the People's most gracious writ of summons to be directed to the said Isaac Underhill, Charles Hayes and Jefferson Taliaferro thereby commanding them and each of them at a certain day and under a certain point therein to be lim[it] personally to be and appear before your Honor in this Honorable court and then and there the said Hayes' or his corporate oath and the said Underhill and Taliaferro without full true [?] perfect answers make to all and singular the premises

And may the said Hayes be required to answer on oath aforesaid particularly whether he was entitled to a floating right to any land under the pre-emption law aforesaid and if he was what facts [earsted] to entitle him thereto and more particularly whether he lived on government land or on land that had long before been granted to or private individual on the nineteenth day of June A D 1834

And whether the South West fractional quarter of section five in Township ten North of the base line and Range nine East of the fourth principal meridian was entered by him or by another



in his name without his consent and whether he has since conveyed the same away to any other person or persons. If he h[ears] to whom he has conveyed And may the said Underhill and Taliaferro parties only state without oath as aforesaid what title they jointly or severally have in said premises what parts they have sold to each other or to others at what time and to whom sold and for what price And may said Hays, Underhill and Taliferro be compelled to execute and deliver to your orator a good and sufficient deed of conveyance conveying to your orator all the right title and interest which they or either of them has in said premises with [increments] of warranty warranting said premises to your orator against the acts of the said Hays Underhill and Taliaferro by them sincerely done and [committed] and against all persons claiming by through or under the person thus warranting and further may they stand to abide and perform such further orders direction and [direct] therein as to your honor shall seem [mut] And may it please your Honor to grant unto your orator such other and further relief as equity any justice shall require and to your Honor shall seem mut and your orator as in duty bound will ever pray  
Hiram M. Curry  
Pr C. Bullance [solicitor]

Hiram M Curry  
vs  
Isaac Underhill et al  
Bill in Equity

Filed July 7th AD 1840  
William Mitchell

In this case the clerk will issue summons to the county of Peoria against Isaac Underhill to the county of Tazewell against Jefferson Taliferro and to the county of McDonough against Charles Hayes  
C. Ballance sol. for compt

The summon of Isaac Underhill to the bill in chancery filed by one Hiram M Curry in the Circuit Court for Peoria County against himself Charles Hays and Jeferson Taliaferro.  
This respondent admits that the South West fractional quarter of section five T 10 N (E belonged to the government of the United States in AD 1832, but he says it is [not true] complainant cultivated any portion of this tract of land in the year AD 1833 nor at any time since

as the respondent is informed and verily believes.

This respondent further says that he never did represent to the Register of the land office at Quincy that no preemption rights existed to said tract of land though had such representation been [made] to want have been justified by the facts. He admits that said Taliaferro purchased a floating claim of said Hays and entered the said tract of land in April 1836. Hays then assigned the certificate of entry to said Taliaferro who conveyed all his right and interests in the land to this person and by deed. He also admits that he laid off the town of Rome on a portion of the said tract of land and has since sold some of the lots to different individuals.

This respondent also admits that the complainant by misrepresenting the situation of the land induced some individuals so far as to induce them to attempt to prove a right of preemption in said Curry and this respondent thinks it not impossible that Register and Receiver of the land office unsuspecting of a fraud and no [cause?]

evidence being before them might have permitted the complainant to enter the land.

This respondent also admits to the time that soon after the land it [was] known that Curry had been permitted to enter the land, to purchase the affidavits of several persons acquainted with the facts (among them were the witnesses who proved Curry preemption) in which affidavits it was stated that Curry never had cultivated the aforesaid tract of land. This respondent also admits that one Charles Ballance who was then acting as the attorney for the complainant by misrepresenting to the county surveyor the course of the lines induced him to give the certificate mentioned in the bill, then the said Ballance was enabled to induce the county surveyor more easily to believe these false statements, as he had been [coerced] by surveyor himself was at time [prevailing]. This respondent also says that the said county surveyor soon after he had given the certificate to the said Ballance, discovered the [imposition] that had been practiced and him, and having surveyed the land accurately according [to the] field notes, gave this respondent a certificate stating

the above parts and was no appearance of them said having been any cultivation on the said tract of land. This respondent sent the aforesaid testimony to the commissioner of the General Land office and he thinks [?] the complainant ought not to have been surprised, should have issued to Hays after this fraud had been thus fully brought to the knowledge of the land officers. This respondent admits that he sold several of the towns lots laid off on said land but when & to whom he cannot now answer with precision having no mem

orandum of the sales. He thinks he sold the most of them in AD 1836 and supposes that the owners names may be found in the records office, as acceptable to the complainant as to this respondent he has forgotten to whom the lots were sold, and could only ascertain them by searching the said records. This respondent further answers and says that he denies that the said complainant ever had a right or preemption to the said South west fraction quarter And the respondent having this fully answered [froze] that he may be dismissed with his costs. Isaac Underhill

[?] known to befor  
[?] 8 day of August 1840  
William Mitchell

Deposition of George C McFaddon of the County of Peoria and State of Illinois taken on the fifth and sixth days of October AD 1840 between the hours of 10 in the morning and five in evening of the said Hays in the office of William Mitchell Clerk of the Circuit Court within the said county to be used in evidence in a cause pending in the Circuit Court of said County with Chancery [bids] thereof wherein Hiram M Curry is complainant and Isaac Underhill, Jeferson Taliaferro and Charles Hays are defendants on behalf of the said defendants the said George C McFadden doth depose Hays, in answer to the following interrogations

1st Have you surveyed the South West qr Section five Township 10 North Range 9 East of the [4] Meridian

Ans: He Has

2ns: State whether there is any appearance of cultivation on said quarter

Ans: Witness was requested to examine as to whether the said quarter had been cultivated and was not able to discover that there had been anything like cultivation upon it

3rd Had there been any cultivation upon it in the year 1833 would have perceived the evidence of it

Ans: should think there might

4th Is there any appearance of cultivation in the vicinity of this quarter?

Ans: witness refers to a map which is marked A and made a part of this deposition, the place on said map marked "orchard cultivated ground" and the place marked "old cultivated ground called the Taliferro place" appeared to have been cultivated and they are the only places in the vicinity of said quarter which have been cultivated

5th Are you the County surveyor of Peoria county and is the said map is a correct survey of said ground

Ans: witness is the county surveyor of Peoria County and the map and survey is correct

Cross Examination by the complainant

1st What is the description of the said quarter section and the adjacent ground?

Ans: Prairie

2nd: Are any of ancient corners of said section remaining

Ans: None that he could find

3rd: How did you ascertain the true position of the line through the middle of said frac section?

Ans: witness commenced about a mile and a half in the township line between ten North Eight & Nine [fall] and run North to the center of section six north west side then run East one mile to the quarter section corner between five & six, then to [prove ther] that was right run South to the river, thirty one chains then run from same corner North to the corner of section five & six on township line

the corner of Section five & six on township line

then run East 33 chains & 6 links to the Illinois river, which comes out within a few [links] of the field with distance and that witness judges was about right

4th Is the bank of the River where the three lines as laid down on the map strike it, a sudden cliff or a gradual slope?

Ans: A gradual slope, a little rough on the start but gradual afterwards

5th Do the lines as you have surveyed them terminate at high or low water mark?

Ans: The North line would terminate at high water [next] with the field [in the] distances, the other two lines are about average distance between high & low water marks

6th By what field notes did you survey this tract

Ans: by the field notes which witness purchased from Captain Phillips the former County surveyor, and witness has no doubts they are true copies of the original notes as they have always agreed with his surveys

7th Have you any personal knowledge that they were copied from the original field notes?

Ans: Has not

8th In running the lines of said quarter how much did you allow for the variation of the compass?

Ans: Seven degrees & twenty minutes

9th If a mistake was made in the degree of variation how much would it make in missing a [field]

Ans: One chain and forty links

10th Is any part of the fence remaining on the South side of the piece marked on the map "old cultivated ground"?

Ans: thinks not

11th How far does the North line of said fractional quarter run south of where cultivation appears

to have been as marked on the plat?

Ans: From fifty to seventy five links

By the defendants

Was the corner you started from, the one established by the United States?

Ans: Witness supposed it was, on the township line containing that quarter

What is the true variation of the compass

Ans: seven degrees & twenty minutes

By the complainant

How did you ascertain the true variation of the compass?

Ans: By running on different lines and making the variation to follow said lines witness has been surveying in Peoria County more or less for four years, and has been county surveyor about a year  
G. C. McFadden

State of Illinois

Peoria County

I William Mitchell Clerk of the Circuit Court within and for said county do hereby certify that George C McFadden was by me sworn to testify the truths, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, as a witness in the above entitled cause, and that foregoing deposition by him submitted was taken at the time and place aforesaid and reduced to writing by me  
Given under my hand and seal  
of said Court at Peoria this 6th day  
of [December] AD 1840  
William Mitchell  
Clerk

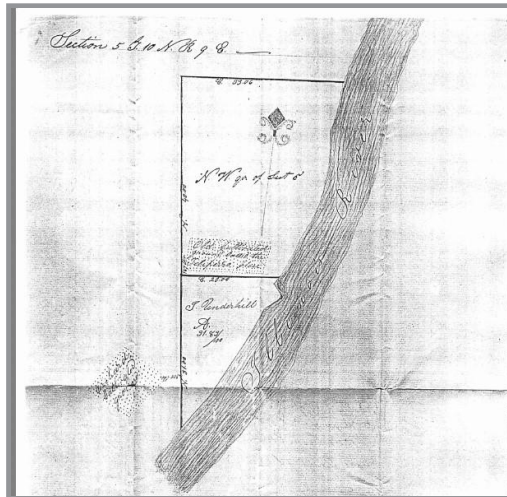
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Hiram M. Curry

vs

Underhill

Deposition of E McFaden Hays et al



A survey of the S.W. quarter of Section 5 Township 10 N R 9 E of the 4th P.M. Meridian  
(For Isaac Underhill) Beginning at a part of a stone set for 1/4 section corner between  
sections

5 7 6 thence East 20 chains to the bank of the Illinois river, thence S 30 [W] two chains  
thence S 30 degrees E three chains, thence S 56 degrees W four chains and fifty links,  
thence S 30 degrees W eight

chains, thence S 34 degrees W twelve chains, thence S 41 degrees W nine chains (the  
corner described in the

field notes is destroyed) thence North thirty one chains to the place of beginnings,  
containing

31 83/100 acres of land, surveyed according to the original field notes, July 22nd 1840

Variation 7 degrees 20 minutes

G. C. McFadden CSPC

A Survey of the  
S.W. Qr of Sect. 5  
T10 N R 9 E pr  
Isaac Underhill

Attest William Mitchell



# Patriots

Sunday, July 04, 2021



Does your tree go back to colonial times? If so, have you tried to find revolutionary war ancestors? When I first started researching my tree, I looked for a Crawford that served. Unfortunately, I still haven't been able to get my tree back far enough on my Crawford line to have a potential patriot.

Since I had a copy of my great grandmother's application to the Daughters of the American Revolution, I gave up looking for a Crawford patriot and applied using her application — and I was denied. Her application used Jason Hammond (1762-1842) as her patriot ancestor.

1. Josie Elfreda Hammond Crawford.....being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from JASON HAMMOND.....

who was born in Bolton, Conn.....on the 1st day of Feb.....1762.....  
and died in Bath, Ohio.....on the 21st day of Sept.....1830.....  
His place of residence during the Revolution was.....Conn.....  
I was born in.....BETH, OHIO.....County of.....PROX.....  
State of.....ILLINOIS.....on 2-9-1874.....

(Please give all dates by numerals, month first, and given names in full)

1. I am the daughter of  
Richmond Risk Hammond.....born on 11-20-1840.....at.....Ohio.....  
died at.....Sawtelle, Calif.....on 4-8-1928.....married (?) on 1-1-1867.....to  
Sarah Ellen Halston.....born on 8-11-1846.....at.....Prox, Co. Ills.....  
died at.....Lodge City, Kansas.....on 10-19-1892.....

2. The said Richmond Risk Hammond.....was the child of  
Horatio Hammond.....born on 10-24-1798.....at.....Ohio.....  
died at.....Prox Co. Ills.....on 10-7-1879.....married (?) on 4-14-1828.....to  
Louisa Risk.....born on 8-16-1806.....at.....Watertown, N.Y.....  
died at.....Prox Co. Ills.....on 8-17-1874.....

3. The said Horatio Hammond.....was the child of  
Jason Hammond.....born on 2-1-1762.....at.....Bolton, Conn.....  
died at.....Bath, Ohio.....on 9-21-1830.....married (?) on 1-24-1788.....to  
Rachel Hale.....born on 12-11-1758.....at.....Hastonbury, Conn.....  
died at.....Bath, Ohio.....on 11-11-1842.....

4. The said Jason Hammond.....was the child of  
Nathaniel Hammond.....born on 9-16-1763.....at.....Conn?.....  
died at.....Conn?.....on 12-10-1817.....married (?) on.....1766.....to  
Cecily Tucker.....born on.....1740.....  
died at.....on 12-22-1778.....

However, the line thru this Jason Hammond is closed. My application was modified to go thru Jason's father, Nathaniel Hammond (#A050625) who provided patriotic service for Connecticut.

After my application was approved, I quit looking at most of my other branches. Wanting

to have a patriot ancestor on my mom's side of the tree, I did investigate the Buckles line.

Recently, I was curious about how many patriot lines I might have in my tree. Thus, I started researching the men in the 8th generation of my tree to see if someone with similar information was listed in the DAR ancestor file. And I found quite a few ancestors on the DAR site.

#### Paternal Side

- Elizur Talcott (1709-1797) #A113367 provided patriotic service and served as a Colonel for Connecticut in the 6th Regiment militia under Brigadier General Wolcott
- John Foster (1735-1800) #A041635 served as a private for Maryland under Capt. Peter Mantz
- Daniel Harris (abt 1737-1821) #A051563 served as a private for Virginia under Capt. James Kearny, Cols Thomas Hartly, Hubley
- Samuel Demarest (1707-1785) #A131555 possibly served for York County, Pennsylvania.
- Simon Van Arsdale (1746-1802) #A117118 served as a Major for Pennsylvania under Col. Andrew in the York County militia and also as a Captain under Col. McPherson and an ensign under Capt. Hugh Campbell
- Henry Banta (1718-1805) #A005785 provided patriotic service for Pennsylvania
- Harmanus Ostrander (1729-1803) #A210554 served as a private for new York in the Ulster county militia
- Ebenezer Merry (1748-1809) #A078189 served as a private for Connecticut under Lt. Seymour and Maj Newberry
- Stephen Peabody (1753-1838) #A086830 served as a sergeant for Massachusetts under Capt. Jabes West and Col. Jonathan Eddy

#### Maternal Side

- Benjamin Rush (1752-1819) #A100014 provided patriotic service in North Carolina by furnishing supplies in 1780
- James Buckles (1733-1797) #A016515 served as a Captain for Virginia in the Berkeley County militia
- Thomas Dawson (1760-1832) #A030832 provided patriotic service for Virginia by furnishing supplies
- Oliver Miles (1738-1820) #A078880 served as a private for Massachusetts under Lt. Ephraim Wheeler and Col Eleazor Brooks
- John Josselyn Junior (1735-1810) #A063118 served as a Captain for Massachusetts under Col. John Whetcomb at Lexington and in the 8th Worcester County Militia under Col Job Cushing. He was also a town treasurer.
- Nathaniel Wells Senior (1730-1804) #A122573 served as a private for Connecticut under Capt. James Chapman and Col. Samuel Holden Parsons
- Oliver White (1724-1789) served as a private for Massachusetts under Capt Eliakim Smith at Lexington and under Captains Smith, Moses Kellogg and Col. Jonathan Ward
- David Kennedy (1730-1792) #A064685 served as a private for Connecticut at Lexington
- Comfort Barnes (1737-1816) #A006295 was a civil servant and provided patriotic service for Massachusetts. He served on the Committee of Safety or Correspondence.

I never dreamed I had this many potential patriots in my tree! Now, I have to not only document their service but make sure I have documented my line back to them.

# Chancery

Monday, July 05, 2021

Do you find clues in the newspapers? I found such a clue in the book, Eaton County Michigan Newspapers Volume 1.

Chancery sale – Thurston K. Wells vs. John Graham

Joyce Marple Liepins, Eaton County Michigan Newspapers (Charlotte, Michigan: J M Liepins, 1968),

Wm. Quantrell gave us a pail of potatoes, bigger than  
Chancery sale- Thurston K. Wells vs. John Graham.  
Married- In Carmel, 25 Sept., by Rev. T. J. Congdon

That simple clue led me to write to the Eaton County Courthouse to request a copy of the Chancery record. Below is a transcription of that court record.

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The Circuit Court for the County of Eaton

In Chancery

Thurston K. Wells, Complainant

Vs

John Graham, Defendants

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Decree and Order of Sale

Eaton County

Clerk's Office

Filed this 17th day of May AD

1859 in open court

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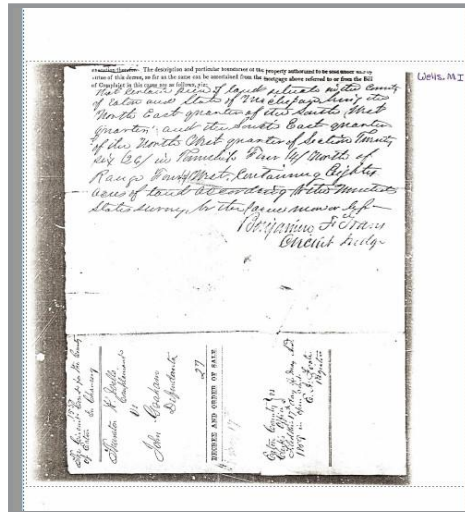
Register

The description and particular boundaries of the property authorized to be sold under [? By] virtue of this decree, so far as the same can be ascertained from the mortgage above referred to or from the Bill of Complaint in this cause are as follows, viz:

That certain piece of land situate in the county of Eaton and State of Michigan being the north east quarter of the South West quarter and the South East quarter of the North West quarter of Section Twenty six (26) in Township Four (4) North of range Four (4) West containing eighty acres of land according to the [mutual]states survey by the same more or less

Benjamin F Gra[us]

Circuit Judge



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Decree in Chancery

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The circuit Court for the County of Eaton

Thurston K Wells complainant

Vs John Graham

Defendant

In Chancery

At a session of said court held at the court house in the village of Charlotte on the 17th day of May AD 1859

Present Benj F Gra[ns]

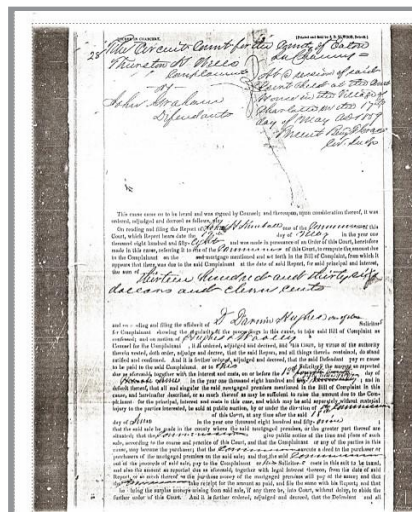
Cir Judge

This cause came on to be heard and was argued by Counsel; and thereupon, upon consideration thereof, it was ordered, adjudged and decreed as follows, viz

On reading and filing the Report of John H Kimball one of the [? Of this Court, which Report bears the date the 19th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight and was mad in pursuance of the Order of this Court, heretofore made in this cause, referring it to one of the [Commissioners] of this Court, to compute the amount due to the Complainant on the and mortgage mentioned and set fort in the Bill of Compaint, from which it appears that there was due to the said Complainant at the date of said Report, for said principal and interest, the sum of  
Thirteen hundred and thirty-six dollars and eleven cents

And on reading and filing the affidavit of D Darmin Hughes [one of the] solicitors for Complainant showing the regularity of the proceedings in the cause to take said Bill of Complaint as confessed; and on motion of Hughes & Woolly Counsel for the Complainant, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed, and this Court, by virtue of the authority therein vested, doth order, adjudge and decree, that the said Report, and all things therein, contained, do stand ratified and confirmed. And it is further ordered adjudge and decreed, that the said Defendant pay or cause to be paid to t he said complainant or to this Solicitors the amount so reported due as aforesaid, together with the interest and costs, on or before the 13th day of March June in the year one thousand eight hundred fifty [nine to him] and in default thereof, that all and singular the said mortgaged premises mentioned in the Bill of Complaint in this cause, and hereinafter described, or as much therof as may be sufficient to raise the amount due to the

Complainant for the principal, interest and costs in this case, and which may be sold separately without material injury to the parties interested, be sold at public auction, by or under the direction of the [commissioner] of this Court at any time after the said 18th day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine that the said sale be made in the county where the said mortgaged premises, or the greater part thereof are situated; that the commissioner give public notice of the time and place of such sale, according to the course and practice of this Court and that the Complainant or any of the parties in this cause, may become the purchaser; that the Commissioner execute a deed to the purchaser or purchasers of the mortgaged premises on the said sale; and that the said commissioner out of the proceeds of said sale, pay to the Complainant or his solicitors costs in this suit to be taxed, and also the amount so reported due as aforesaid, together with legal interest thereon, from this date of said report or so much thereof as the purchase money of the mortgaged premises will pay of the same; and that the Commissioner take receipt for the amount so paid, and file the same with his Report; and that he bring the surplus moneys arising from said sale, if any there be, into Court without delay, to abide the further order of this Court. And it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the Defendant and all



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Persons claiming or to claim from or under them be forever barred and foreclosed, of, and from all equity of redemption, and claim, of, in and to said mortgaged premises, and every part and parcel thereof. And it is further ordered, that the purchaser or purchasers of said mortgaged premises at such sale, be let into possession thereof; and that any of the parties of this cause, who may be in possession of said premises or any part thereof, and any person who, since the commencement of this suit, has come into possession under them or either of them, deliver possession thereof to such purchaser or purchasers, on production of the deed for such premises, and a certified copy of the order confirming the Report of such sale, after such order has become absolute. And it is further ordered and decreed, that if the moneys arising from said sale shall be insufficient to pay the amount so reported due to the Complainant with interest and costs and expenses of sale as aforesaid, that said Commission specify the amount of such deficiency in his report of said sale

John Graham

The description and particular boundaries of the property authorized to be sold under and

by virtue of this decree, so far as the same can be ascertained from the mortgage above referred to or from the Bill of Complainant in this cause are as follows, viz:

That certain piece of land situate in the county of Eaton and State of Michigan being the North East quarter of the South West quarter and the South East quarter of the North West quarter of Section Twenty six (26) in Township Four (4) north of Range Four (4) West containing eighty acres of land according to the United States survey by the same more or less

Benjamin F Gra[us]  
Circuit Judge

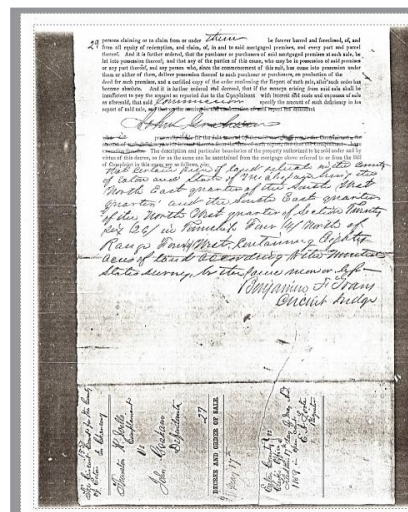
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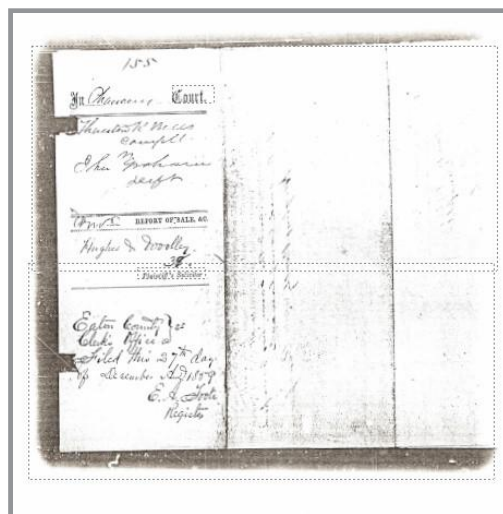


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Publisher's Affidavit  
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State of Michigan  
County of Eaton

#### Chancery Sale

State of Michigan The Circuit Court for the county of Eaton,; In Chancery,  
Thurston K. Wells, complainant, vs John Graham defendent.

By virtue and in pursuance of a decree of this court made in the above cause and bearing date the 17day of Mar 1859, I the undersigned Circuit Court Commissioner for the county of Eaton, will expose for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder, at the Court House in Charlotte, in said county, of Eaton, on the twelfth day of December, 1859, at one o'clock in the afternoon, the premises described in said decree as follows The certain piece of land situate in the county of Eaton and State of Michigan, being the north east quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty six (26 in Township four 4 north of range four 4 west, containing eighty acres of land according to the United States survey be the same more or less.



Joseph Saunders, being duly Sworn deposes and says, That he is the Publisher of the Eaton County Republican, a weekly newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Eaton, and that a Notice, of which the annexed printed one is a true copy, was published in said newspaper once in each week for six successive weeks next preceding the day of sale.

J Saunders,  
Publisher

Subscribed and Sworn before me this 12th

Day of December, A.D. 1859

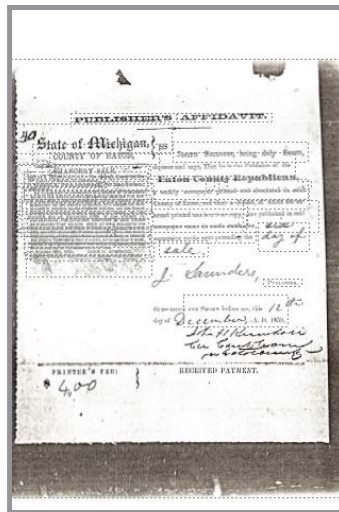
John H. [Kunhall]

[the courthouse]

In Eaton County

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Master's or Commissioner's Report of Sale

In the Circuit Court for the County of Eaton

In Chancery

Thurston K. Wells

Complainant

Vs John Graham

[defen]dant

To the Circuit Court for the County of Eaton

In Pursuance and in virtue of a decree of this Court, made in the above cause by the Judge thereof and bearing date the seventeenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine by which it was among other things, ordered and adjudged and decreed that all and singular the mortgaged premises mentioned in the bill of complaint in this cause, and hereinafter described, or so much thereof as might be sufficient to raise the amount reported due to the complt as therein mentioned for principal and interest, and the costs in this case, and which might be sold separately without material injury to the parties interested, be sold at public auction, by or under the direction of the Commissioners for the county of Eaton that the said sale be made in the

County where the said mortgaged premises, or the greater part thereof, are situated; that the Commissioner give public notice of the time and place of such sale, according to the course and practice of this Court, and that the Complt or any of the parties of this cause might become the purchaser that the Court execute a deed to the purchaser of the mortgaged premises on the said sale; and that the Court pay to the said Complt or his solicitor out of the proceeds of said sale, his costs in this suit to be taxed, and also the amount so reported due as aforesaid, together with legal interest thereon from the date of said report, or so much thereof as the purchase money of the mortgaged premises would pay of the same, and that the court take receipts for the amount so paid, and file the same with his report; and that he retain the surplus moneys arising from the said sale, if any there should be, in his hands, to abide the further order of the Court. And, whereby it was further ordered and adjudged that if the moneys arising from the said sale, should be insufficient to pay the amount so reported due to the complt with the interests and costs as aforesaid, that the said commissioners specify the amount of such deficiency in his report of the sale; I, the subscriber, the Circuit Court Commissioners of the County of Eaton.

In said county, do respectfully certify and report that having been charged by the solicitors for the complete with the execution of the said decree or judgment, I advertised and premises to be sold by me at public auction at The Court House in the County of Eaton, Michigan

On the twelfth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine that previous so said sale, I caused notice thereof to be publicly advertised, for six weeks successively, as follows, viz: by causing a printed notice thereof to be fastened up in three public places in the

Where such premises were to be sold, and three notices fastened up in the \_\_\_\_\_ in which the said mortgaged premises are situated, and by causing a copy of such notice to be printed once in each week, during the six weeks immediately preceding said sale, in a public newspaper printed in said county of Eaton

Which notices contained a brief description of the said mortgaged premises.

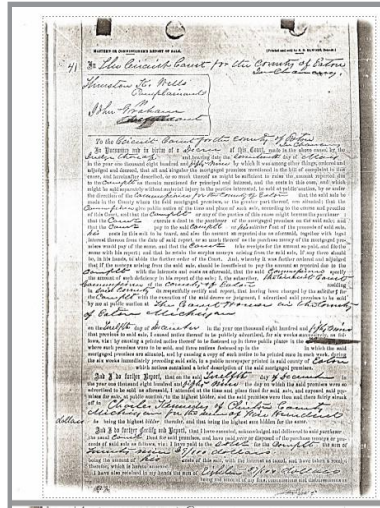
And I be further report, that on the said twelfth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine the day on which the said premises were to be advertised to be sold as aforesaid, I attended at the time and place fixed for said sale, and exposed said premises for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, and the said premises were then and there fairly struck off to

Charles Kennedy of Clinton County

Michigan for the sum of five hundred dollars he being the highest bidder therefor, and that being the highest sum bidden for the same.

And I do further certify and report, that I have executed, acknowledged and delivered to said purchaser the usual comms'r deed for said premises, and have paid over or disposed of the purchase moneys or proceeds of said sale as follows, viz: I have paid to the [soles] for the complt the sum of twenty nine 29/100 dollars being the amount of his costs of this suit, with the interest as taxed, and have taken a receipt therefor, which is hereto annexed.

I have also retained in my hands the sum of eighteen 37/100 dollars being the amount of my fees, commissions and disbursements on



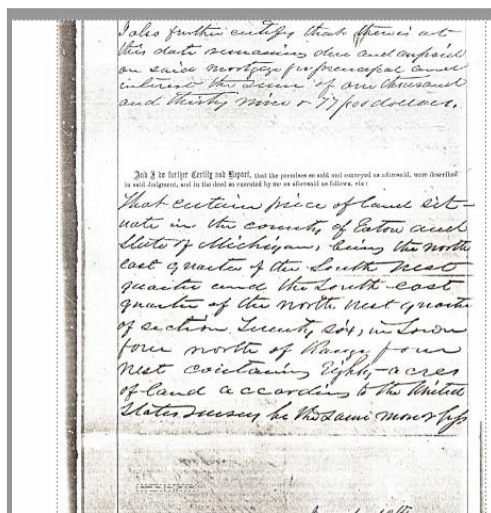
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I also further certify that there is at this date remaining due and unpaid on said mortgage for principal and interest the sum of one thousand and thirty nine & 77/100 dollars

And I do further certify and report, that the premises so sold and conveyed as aforesaid, were described in said judgment, and in the deed so executed by me as aforesaid as follows, viz:

That certain piece of land situate in the county of Eaton and state of Michigan, being the north east quarter of the south west quarter and the south east quarter of the north west quarter of section twenty six in town four north of range four west containing eighty acres of land according to the United States survey be the same more or less

All which is respectfully reported to this Court Dated December 12th 1859



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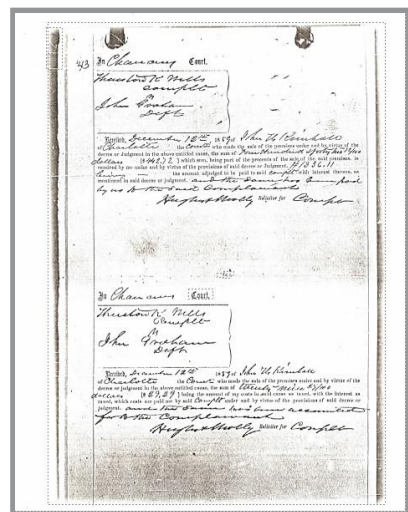
In Chancery Court  
Thurston K Wells

Complt  
Vs  
John Graham  
Deft

Received December 12th 1859 of John [U] Kimball of Charlotte the Comr who made the sale of the premises under and by virtue of the decree or judgment in the above entitled cause, the sum of Four hundred & forth two 72/100 dollars [\$442.72] which sum, being part of the proceeds of the sale of said premises is received by me under and by virtue of the provisions of said decree or judgment, \$1336.11 being the amount adjudged to be paid to said complt with interest thereon, as mentioned in said decree or judgment and the same has been paid by us to the said complainant.  
Hughes & Woolly Solicitor for Compt

In Chancery Court  
Thurston K Wells  
Complt  
Vs  
John Graham  
Deft

Received December 12th 1859 of John H Kimball of Charlotte the Comr who made the sale of the premises under and by virtue of the decree or judgment in the above entitled cause, the sum of twenty nine 29/100 dollars [\$29.20] being the amount of my costs in said cause as taxed, with the interest as taxed, which costs are paid me by said Compt under and by virtue of the provisions of said decree or judgment and the same has been accounted for [?] the complainant  
Hughes & Wolly Solicitor for Complt



Without that one sentence in the newspaper extract, I doubt that I would have located the Chancery Court Record.

# Thurston Wells' Marriages

Tuesday, July 06, 2021

When researching your ancestors, have you encountered a biography that has a grain of truth to it, but has some of the facts confused?

That is my case with the biography of Thurston K. Wells found in Woodson County Historical Society's publication "In the Beginning".

## The Thurston K. Wells Family

Thurston K. Wells was born Feb. 26, 1821 in Sullivan, New York. His parents were Ozias and Mary Kennedy Wells. Thurston spent his early life in Michigan and Iowa. He was a log sealer or woodsman and injured his knee with an ax and he was unable to serve in the Civil War.

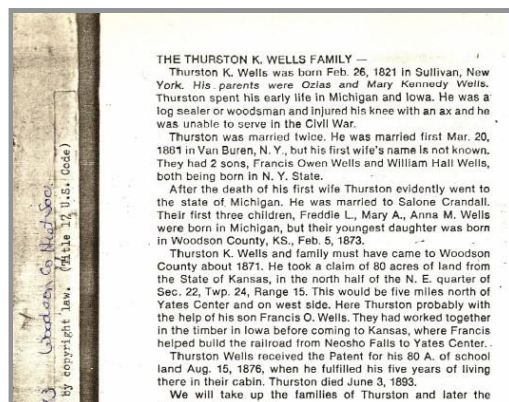
Thurston was married twice. He was married first Mar. 20, 1861 in Van Buren, N.Y. but his first wife's name is not known. They had 2 sons, Francis Owen Wells and William Hall Wells, both being born in N.Y. State.

After the death of his first wife Thurston evidently went to the state of Michigan. He was married to Salone Crandall. Their first three children's, Freddie L., Mary A., Anna M. Wells were born in Michigan, but their youngest daughter was born in Woodson County, KS., Feb. 5, 1873.

Thurston K. Wells and family must have came to Woodson County about 1871. He took a claim of 80 acres of land from the State of Kansas, in the north half of the N.E. quarter of Sec. 22, Twp. 24, Range 15. This would be five miles north of Yates Center and on west side. Here Thurston probably with the help of his son Francis O. Wells. They had worked together in the timber in Iowa before coming to Kansas, where Francis helped build the railroad from Neosho Falls to Yates Center.

Thurston Wells received the Patent for his 80 A. of school land Aug. 15, 1876, when he fulfilled his five years of living there in their cabin. Thurston died June 3, 1893.

No author, "The Thurston K. Wells Family," In the Beginning (Woodson County Historical Society), Vol. 19 (#73): page 8.



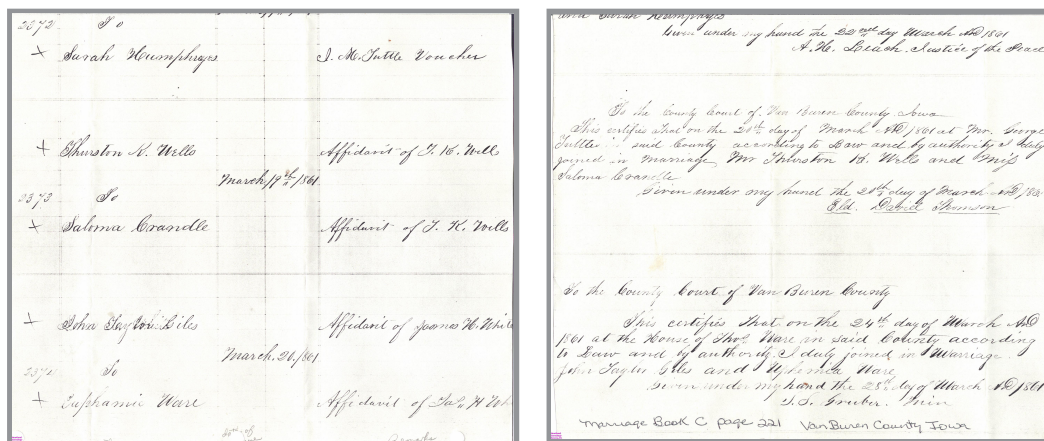


Aspects of this biography may be accurate, but the information regarding his marriages is not. First, the date of 20 March 1861 is the date of his second marriage. This marriage was to Saloma Crandall and occurred in Van Buren County, Iowa.

Thurston K. Wells Affidavit of T. K. Well  
March 19th 1861  
to  
Saloma Crandle Affidavit of T. K. Wells

To the County Court of Van Buren County Iowa  
This certifies that on the 20th day of March AD 1861 at Mr. George  
Tuttles in said County according to law and by authority I duly  
joined in marriage Mr. Thurston K. Wells and Miss  
Saloma Crandle.  
Given under my hand the 20th day of March AD 1861  
Eld. David Thomson

Iowa, Van Buren County. Marriage records v. A-C 1837-1861. Film #967640 DGS 4309553. Saloma Crandle, 19 Mar 1861 Book C: page 221; digital images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 1998.967640 DGS 4309553

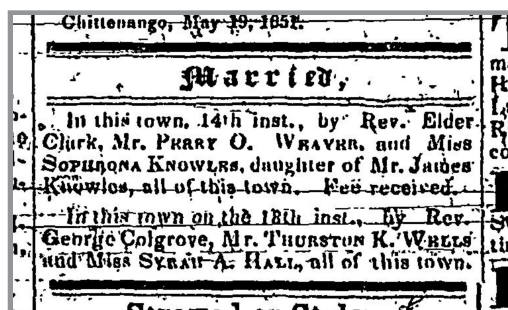


Even though many records indicated that Thurston was married and had two sons before his marriage to Salome Crandall, locating a marriage record has proven difficult. However, another researcher provided a clue to a short news story. This one sentence news story provides more details about Thurston's first marriage.

#### Married

In this town on the [18]th inst, by Rev. George Colgrove, Mr. Thurston K. wells and Miss Sarah A. Hall, all of this town.

"Married," Chittenango Phenix (Cazenovia, New York), 21 May 1851, page 3; digital image, Advantage Preservation – The Cazenovia Public Library ( <http://cazenovia.advantage-preservation.com/> : viewed online 30 May 2021).



This newspaper account provide the name of Thurston's first wife and the date of their marriage. This information helps piece together not only the life of Thurston Kennedy Wells, but also that of his sons, Francis Owen Wells and William Hall Wells.



# Thurston Kennedy Wells

Wednesday, July 07, 2021



**Thurston Kennedy Wells** 1– 6 was born on 26 Feb 1821 in Sullivan, Madison, New York, United States. 3– 11

He was the child of Mary Kennedy and Ozias Wells. 5

Thurston Wells was listed as a 30 year old carpenter who was born in New York in the household of Orville Russel in Sullivan, Madison County, New York on the 1850 census. 12

He married Sarah Hall on 18 May 1851 in Chittenango, Madison, New York, United States. 6, 13– 15

On 23 Feb 1853, Francis Owen Wells was born in Oneida, New York, United States.

He lived in Osawatomie, Miami, Kansas, United States in 1857. 8

On 24 Aug 1857, William Hall Wells was born in Osawatomie, Miami, Kansas, United States. 1, 16

Thurston and Sarah, his wife, purchased a mortgage from Samuel Chambers on 5 Jun 1858 in Eaton, Michigan, United States. 17

In May 1859, he filed a claim against John Graham in Chancery Court regarding mortgage owed on NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 Section 26 in Township 4 North of Range Four West containing 80 acres in Eaton, Michigan, United States. 17– 18

K. T. Wells was listed in the household of James Londers on the 1860 census. According to the census, K. T. was a 30 year old laborer with \$400 in real estate. K. T. was born in Michigan. Listed below K.T. on the census were 2 young males, Franklin, age 6 born in Michigan and William, age 3 born in Kansas Territory. 19

He married Salome Adell Crandall on 20 Mar 1861 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States. 6– 10, 20– 23

On 16 Jan 1862, Freddie L. Wells was born in Eaton, Michigan, United States.

In 1863, in Chester, Eaton, Michigan, United States, Thurston K Wells was registered for the draft. The remarks, indicate a 'bad rupture'. According to the record, Thurston was 42 years old and born in New York. 4

On 1 Jan 1866, Mary A. Wells was born in Eaton, Michigan, United States.

He purchased land being lots no 12 and 14 in block 2 for the sum of \$300 from Mary White on 15 Mar 1867 in Keosauqua, Van Buren, Iowa, United States. 24

On 12 Jun 1868, Anna May Wells was born in Pleasant Hill (historical), Van Buren, Iowa, United States.

Thurston lived in Kansas, United States in 1870. 8, 25

In Mar 1870, he sold land in Keosauqua, Van Buren, Iowa, United States. 26

On 5 Feb 1873, Nettie Adell Wells was born in Woodson, Kansas, United States.

T. K. Wells was listed on the 1875 census owning 80 acres of land in Liberty Township, Woodson County, Kansas. T. K. Wells was listed as a 54 year old male who was born in New York and came to Kansas from Iowa. 27– 28

On 15 Aug 1876, he filed land patent for land being the N 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 22 Township 24 South range 15 East in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 29

T. K. Wells was listed as a head of household on the 1885 Kansas census. According to the census, T. K. was 64 years old. Also listed in the household were Saloma, Anna and Nettie Wells. 30

Thurston lived in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States on 29 Mar 1889. 31

He lived in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States in 1891. 32

He died on 3 Jun 1893 at the age of 72 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 5, 7– 10, 33

Thurston was buried at Yates Center Cemetery in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 5

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# Throwback Thursday

Thursday, July 08, 2021

While searching for a birth announcement in the lola, Kansas newspapers, I came across this interesting little article.

My aunt and uncle owned an airplane!

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mentzer and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mentzer enjoyed a visit and plane ride Friday when Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Thompson flew their plane down from Emporia. While here they got a birdseye view of Woodson and Allen County. Mrs. Thompson is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Briles of Emporia, who lived here many years ago.

"Local News," 18 Nov 1954, The lola Register (lola, Kansas), page 8, Marvin Thompson; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 10 June 2021).

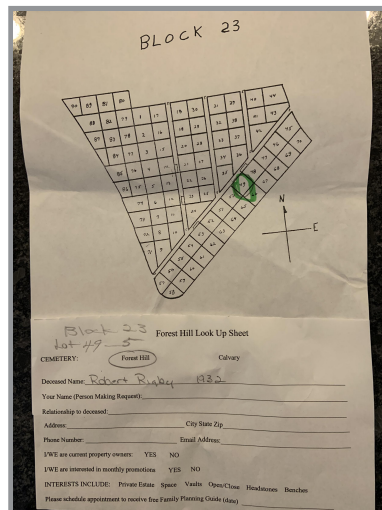
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## Forest Hills Part 2

Friday, July 09, 2021

Over Memorial Day weekend, my husband and I visited Forest Hills Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri. During that visit, we located the Crider family plot and the Rigby family plot.

Like the Crider plot, the Rigby plot was on the South side of this historic cemetery in Block 23.



Buried in this plot were the following Rigby family members:

- Robert Rigby
- Elizabeth Jane Currey Rigby
- Glenn Rigby
- Dorothy Louise Rigby Pinkley
- Robert M Rigby Jr

Since the FamilySearch site doesn't have a death date for Robert, Jr., I decided to see what other sources I could find to verify the death. Thus, I searched Newspapers.com to look for an obituary, which I found in the Kansas City Star.

Death of Robert M. Rigby, Jr.

Robert M. Rigby, jr., 33 years old, died this morning at St. Mary's Hospital. With his wife and a party of relatives, Mr. Rigby had spent last night at an amusement park. Returning home, 820 Charlotte Street, he suffered an attack of convulsions. He was taken to St. Mary's, where he died soon after. Dr. Fritz Moennighoff, deputy coroner, said death was due to uraemic poisoning. Besides the widow a daughter, Myrtle Rigby, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Rigby, sr., three sisters, Miss Helen Rigby, Miss Grace Rigby and Miss Dorothy Rigby, and a brother Glen Rigby, survive.

"Death of Robert M. Rigby, Jr.," The Kansas City Star (Kansas City, Missouri), 1 June 1915, page 4; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 29 May 2021).



**Death of Robert M. Rigby, Jr.**

Robert M. Rigby, jr., 33 years old, died this morning at St. Mary's Hospital. With his wife and a party of relatives Mr. Rigby had spent last night at an amusement park. Returning home, 829 Charlotte Street, he suffered an attack of convulsions. He was taken to St. Mary's, where he died soon after. Dr. Fritz Moennighoff, deputy coroner, said death was due to uraemic poisoning. Besides the widow a daughter, Myrtle Rigby, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Rigby, sr., three sisters, Miss Helen Rigby, Miss Grace Rigby and Miss Dorothy Rigby, and a brother, Glen Rigby, survive.

Then, in an attempt to figure out Robert Rigby Senior's children, I looked for his obituary. This obituary only names two children: Helen and Grace.

**Robert M. Rigby Dies**

End to Printing Company Head is at 74

Robert M. Rigby, 74 years old, president of the R. M. Rigby Printing Company, 915 Wyandotte street, and a printer here since 1884, died last night of heart disease at his home, 3816 the Paseo.

Mr. Rigby was known widely in printing circles. He was born in Chicago and came to Kansas City when a young man. He had been in ill health several years. Mr. Rigby leaves his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Rigby, of the home, two daughters, Mrs. Helen Ranson, Detroit, and Mrs. Grace G. Bennett, Hollywood, Cal.

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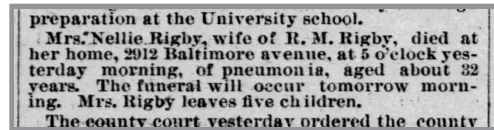
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"Robert M. Rigby Dies," The Kansas City Star (Kansas City, Missouri), 14 February 1932, page 23; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 29 May 2021).

Robert M. Rigby was married twice. His first marriage was to Ellen Curtin by whom he

had at least 4 children: Robert M. Rigby, Grace Rigby Bennett, Helen Rigby Pinkley and Francis Rigby. According to an obituary in the 28 Dec 1892 issue of the Kansas City Times, Ellen Rigby died 27 Dec 1892.

Mrs. Nellie Rigby, wife of R. M. Rigby, died at her home, 2012 Baltimore avenue, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning of pneumonia, aged about 32 ears. The funeral will occur tomorrow morning. Mrs. Rigby leaves five children.



preparation at the University school.  
Mrs. Nellie Rigby, wife of R. M. Rigby, died at her home, 2012 Baltimore avenue, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, of pneumonia, aged about 32 years. The funeral will occur tomorrow morning. Mrs. Rigby leaves five children.  
The county court yesterday ordered the county

"Tips from Tuesday," The Kansas City Times (Kansas City, Missouri), 28 December 1892, page 8; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 23 June 2021).

Even though Ellen's obituary does not name the children, it does indicate that there were five children. I currently have only identified four of those children: Robert M. Rigby Jr, Grace Rigby Bennett, Helen Rigby Rason and Francis Rigby.

After the death of his first wife, Ellen, Robert M. Rigby married Elizabeth Jane Currey on 8 Feb 1894 in Jackson County, Missouri. Eight years later, Robert's 12 year old daughter by his first wife, Francis, would take her life.

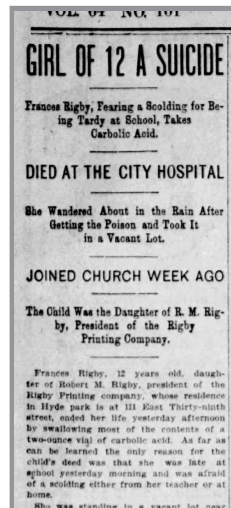
Girl of 12 a Suicide

Frances Rigby, Fearing a scolding for Being Tardy at School, Takes Carbolic Acid  
Died at City Hospital

She wandered about in the Rain after Getting the Poison and took it in a Vacant Lot  
Joined Church Week Ago

The child was the daughter of R. M. Rigby, President of the Rigby Printing Company

Frances Rigby, 12 years old, daughter of Robert M. Rigby, president of the Rigby Printing company, whose residence in Hyde Park is at 111 East thirty-Ninth street, ended her life yesterday afternoon by swallowing most of the contents of a two-ounce vial of carbolic acid. As far as can be learned the only reason for the child's deed was that she was late at school yesterday morning and was afraid of a scolding either from her teacher or at home.

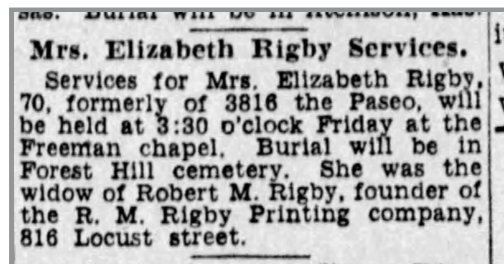


"Girl of 12 a Suicide," The Kansas City Star (Kansas City, Missouri), 25 April 1902, page 1; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 23 June 2021).

Since Elizabeth Currey Rigby's children (Glenn and Dorothy) preceded her in death, her obituary doesn't provide any clues to the children of Robert M. Rigby by his first wife.

#### Mrs. Elizabeth Rigby Services

Services for Mrs. Elizabeth Rigby, 70, formerly of 3816 the Paseo, will be held at 3:30 o'clock Friday at the Freeman chapel. Burial will be in Forest Hill cemetery. She was the widow of Robert M. Rigby, founder of the R.M. Rigby Printing Company, 816 Locust street.



"Deaths in Greater Kansas City," The Kansas City Times (Kansas City, Missouri), 7 June 1945, page 11; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 23 June 2021).

Even though I haven't identified the fifth child of Robert M. Rigby and Ellen Curtin Rigby, I have found a clue in an article found while searching for Robert Rigby Jr's obituary. Robert Rigby, Jr. was stabbed in a bar fight by his brother-in-law James W. Dix.

#### Robert Rigby, Jr., Stabbed

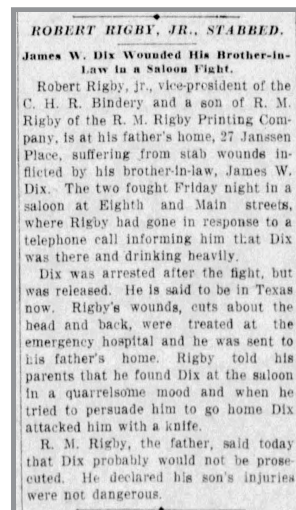
##### James W. Dix Wounded His Brother-In-Law in a Saloon Fight

Robert Rigby, jr., vice-president of the C.H.R. Bindery and a son of R. M. Rigby of the R. M. Rigby Printing Company, is at his father's home, 27 Janssen Place, suffering from stab wounds inflicted by his brother-in-law, James W. Dix. The two fought Friday night in a saloon at Eighth and Main streets where Rigby had gone in response to a telephone

call informing him that Dix was there and drinking heavily.

Dix was arrested after the fight, but was released. He is said to be in Texas now. Rigby's wounds, cuts about the head and back, were treated at the emergency hospital and he was sent to his father's home. Rigby told his parents that he found Dix at the saloon in a quarrelsome mood and when he tried to persuade him to go home Dix attacked him with a knife.

R. M. Rigby, the father, said today that Dix probably would not be prosecuted. He declared his son's injuries were not dangerous.



"Robert Rigby, Jr. Stabbed," The Kansas City Star (Kansas City, Missouri), 29 November 1910, page 1; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 23 June 2021).

Since none of the known daughters were married to James W. Dix, the missing child is likely the daughter married to James W. Dix. So far, she is still a mystery.

Without this trail of obituaries and other articles, I would not have been able to piece together much of Robert M. Rigby's family.

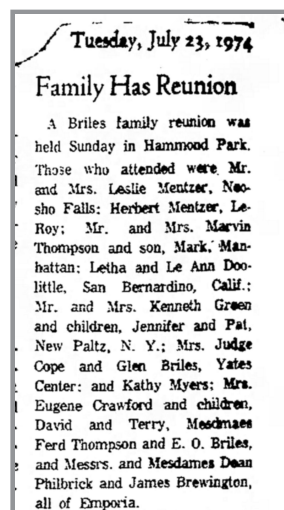
# Family Tales

Monday, July 12, 2021

Do you use newspapers for your research? Have you ever sat in front of a microfilm reader and 'read' an older newspaper issue after issue?

Since I live about 75 miles from the Kansas State Historical Society, I've had access to the states wonderful collection of newspapers. Thus, I have sat in front of a microfilm reader and turned that knob to slowly move thru a local Kansas newspaper. At times, I was looking for a specific item such as a birth announcement, marriage announcement or obituary. Other times, I was just looking for mention of the family to see what I could learn.

With today's computer technology and digital images of those newspapers, it is even easier to locate those little bits of information in the papers. This past week, my husband and I have both been celebrating our newspaper finds. I often use 'gossipy newspapers' when talking about our finds. I use this term because I have often found where one relative visited another relative for Sunday dinner. This might seem like an insignificant piece of 'gossip' but it provides hints of a relationship.



The Emporia Gazette (Emporia, Kansas), July 23, 1974

Not only have I found birth announcements for my niece and nephew, I've found articles about the family dating back to the 1800s. Think about that for a minute. Newspapers have survived for a very long time.

Now, look into the future. We still have newspapers, but I don't believe we have 'gossipy' newspapers. Even my small town newspaper has seen a reduction in what is submitted for the 'gossip' section.

Instead of submitting info about the family that gathered for a birthday party to the newspaper, this event is being shared on social media. I love viewing these posts! However, they likely will not survive years into the future. So, what can I do to help these stories and pictures survive for another 50 to 100 years?

# Rigby Printing Company

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Do you do descendency research? If so, do you sometimes find yourself following a cousin's family that takes you off on a tangent that doesn't really connect to your family?

Well, that's where some of my research regarding the Rigby family is taking me. I recently visited the gravesite of Elizabeth Jane Currey Rigby, daughter of Hiram Currey and Angelina Burke Currey. Elizabeth was the second wife of Robert M. Rigby.

As mentioned in his obituary, Robert M. Rigby was the president of R. M. Rigby Printing Company.

Robert M. Rigby Dies

End to Printing Company Head is at 74

Robert M. Rigby, 74 years old, president of the R. M. Rigby Printing Company, 915 Wyandotte street, and a printer here since 1884, died last night of heart disease at his home, 3816 the Paseo.

Mr. Rigby was known widely in printing circles. He was born in Chicago and came to Kansas City when a young man. He had been in ill health several years. Mr. Rigby leaves his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Rigby, of the home, two daughters, Mrs. Helen Ranson, Detroit, and Mrs. Grace G. Bennett, Hollywood, Cal.

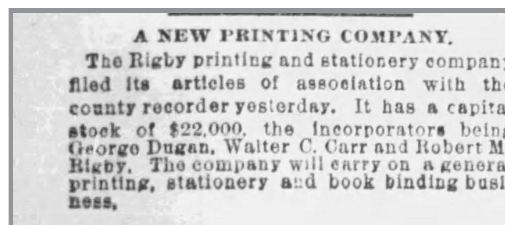
Funeral services will be at 2:30 o'clock Monday at the home. The Rev. Burris A. Jenkins will conduct the services.

"Robert M. Rigby Dies," The Kansas City Star (Kansas City, Missouri), 14 February 1932, page 23; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 29 May 2021).

A search of Newspapers.com in the Kansas City area for Rigby Printing produced an article about the filing of articles of association for the Rigby printing and stationary company.

A New Printing Company

The Rigby printing and stationary company filed its articles of association with the county recorder yesterday. It has a capital stock of \$22,000, the incorporators being George Dugan, Walter C. Carr and Robert M. Rigby. The company will carry on a general printing, stationary and book binding business.



Curious about what happened to the R. M. Rigby Printing Company after Robert's death, I did a broader search and discovered a 1965 article about a new building for the R. M.



Rigby Printing Company.



A Google search turned up incorporation information for Rigby, the Visual Dynamics Corporation that referenced R. M. Rigby Printing Company.

<b>RIGBY, THE VISUAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION</b> (BRANCH)	
Company Number	7029218
Status	Merged Out Of Existence
Incorporation Date	7 October 1964 (over 56 years ago)
Company Type	FOREIGN FOR PROFIT
Jurisdiction	Kansas (US)
Branch	Branch of RIGBY, THE VISUAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION (Missouri (US))
Registered Address	105TH ST. & SANTA FE DRIVE, LENEXA, KS United States
Previous Names	R. M. RIGBY PRINTING COMPANY RIGBY PRINTING COMPANY
Agent Name	ROLF STANFORD
Agent Address	105TH ST & SANTA FE DR, LENEXA, KS 66215
Inactive Directors / Officers	ROLF STANFORD, agent
Source Kansas Business Center, <a href="https://www.kansas.gov/bess/flow/main...">https://www.kansas.gov/bess/flow/main...</a> , 10 Jun 2021	

Since Google didn't produce a web site or any current information about the company, I returned to the newspapers where I found an article about the company filing for bankruptcy.

Rigby Files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy

Owners of the Rigby Corporation, a Lenexa printing company, have asked the U.S. district Court in Kansas City, Kansas, to initiate chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.

The company, which operates in a 9-year-old, 100,000 square-foot plant at 14685 W. 10th filed the request Tuesday. the petition lists assets of \$6,307,208 and debts of \$4,171,946; it lists other liabilities of \$1,012,845 and authorized capital of 4350,000.

Benjamin Franklin, federal bankruptcy judge, was to meet with Rigby officials this week to schedule a hearing.

The petition lists Robert P. Ingram as owning more than 25 per cent of the Rigby stock. No other persons were listed as owning more than 25 per cent. Ingram bought Rigby in March, 1972, from American Standard, Inc., a New York conglomerate.

Rigby was started as a printing company in 1883. It employs about 300 persons in three shifts. The company moved from 816 Locust in 1967.

Ingram, builder of the TenMain Center in the early 1960s, sold the building October, 1974, to Prudential Insurance Company of America. He bought KBEA-Radio from



Intermedia, Inc., in September 1972, and KXTR-Radio from Senthesound Broadcasting Associations, Inc.

The land and factory building, funded by \$1,325,000 in industrial revenue bonds are leased from Lenexa by Rigby, Don Capper, Lenexa administrative assistant said.



The Kansas City Times (Kansas City, Missouri), 29 Oct 1976, page 5.

Even though I have not uncovered what happened to the company immediately after Robert Rigby's death, thanks to newspapers I've been able to document its move to Lenexa and then its move to bankruptcy court.

# R1b Crawford

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Are you the manager of a yDNA test? If so, has it helped you figure out your paternal lineage? I know that I began this yDNA journey hoping that the results would break down my Crawford brick wall. Even though my brick wall is still solid, clues are emerging thanks to an excellent Crawford project administrator and many who have completed BigY testing.

My brother's yDNA test has placed our branch of the Crawford tree in the R1b-01 supergroup. Testers in this group are all under

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Z367>L20>CTS9733>BY3554>A13338>BY34013>A13336

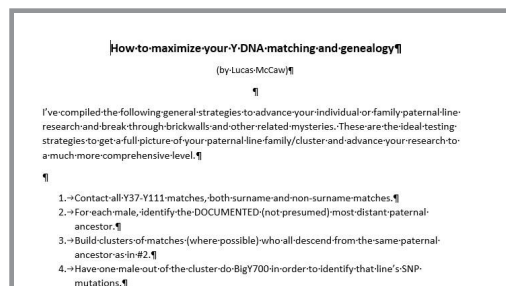
Unfortunately, most of the others in this supergroup have brick walls hinting at a connection to Augusta County, Virginia.

Breaking down my Crawford brick wall likely means researching several of these lines. Unfortunately that also means

- dealing with multiple men named James Crawford
- dealing with trees determined to link to Alexander Crawford and Mary McPheeters
- dealing with the very large area that original Augusta County covered, including Botetourt and Montgomery counties in Virginia

Early Botetourt County, Virginia

Thus, when I saw a post by Lucas McCaw in the R1b Y DNA Project group on Facebook about steps one could take to 'maximize yDNA matching and genealogy' I was challenged to see if I could use some of these steps – particularly steps 2 and 3 – to help with research in Augusta county.



Instead of contacting (re-contacting) my 37-111 yDNA matches, I started by building a spreadsheet for my matches. Fortunately, many of my matches have a tree attached to their test. This allowed me to put information about their Crawford line into the spreadsheet.

GGrandfather	G Grandfather Dates	GG Grandfather	GG Grandfather Dates	GGG Grandfather	GGG Grandfather Dates	GGGG Grandfather	GGGG Grandfather Dates	G G S
William Jackson Crawford	1849-1917	George Donnell Crawford	1828-1888	Joseph Crawford	1803-1867	Edward Crawford	1762-1826	
Henry Marion Crawford (Mary Fadelia Minks)	1866-1950	Amasa Legrand Crawford (Elizabeth Ann Roop)	1844-1932	Robert Bernard Crawford (Ruth Ann Beeson)	1822-1909			
Judson Crawford (Josie Hammond)	1866-1949	Washington Marion Crawford (Mary Foster)	1838-1889	Nelson Crawford (Martha Smith)	1808-1864	James Crawford (Sally Smith Duggins)	1772-1854	
James Crawford (Laura Bourne Marsh)	1836-1921	Davis M Crawford (Gracy Antrim Forsyth)	1807-1843	William E. Crawford (Mary Elizabeth Betsy Davis)	1784-1864	James Crawford (Rebecca Anderson)	1758-1836	
Allen Douglas Crawford (Clara E Shearer)	1868-1958	Harvey Harrison Crawford (Lydia Martha Noble)	1844-194	William Allen Crawford (Lutitia Snodgrass)	1803-1864	James Crawford (Martha Knight)	1770-1833	

I plan to contact those who do not have a tree attached to see if they can provide enough information to fill in the blanks for their test. Surprisingly, very few of these lines have an obvious connection.

In creating this spreadsheet, I also discovered seven of my matches that do not have an 'earliest known ancestor' configured for their test. Nor, does it appear that they are part of the Crawford project. Thus, I plan to contact the managers of these tests to encourage them to attach an ancestor and to also join the Crawford yDNA project.

As a future task, I'm hoping to create a document containing links to these earliest known ancestors on sites such as FamilySearch, WikiTree and Geni.com. Since I have researched at least four of these lines, I will also include a link to those ancestors in my Ancestry tree.

With some of these lines appearing to converge in early Augusta County, I'm hoping that figuring out these various lines will help me sort out the various families in the records.

# Throwback Thursday

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Do you ever encounter something related to your recent genealogy research in a strange place? Well that was my experience as I was trailing my great niece thru Science City in Kansas City's Union Station.

We ended the morning in the train exhibit that included a model railroad. At first my focus was on the trains. Then all of a sudden I looked at the buildings and realized one was a replica of a building where my Crider cousins worked.



According to a newspaper ad, the Crider Brothers Commission Company was in rooms 245-6-7-8-9 of the Live Stock Exchange Building.



So, keep your eyes open! You never know where you will encounter something related to your research.

# Lewis Crandall Heirs

Friday, July 16, 2021

Which type of source do you often use to help piece together potential family relationships? For me, land records have proven over and over again to hold information to help me verify a relationship.

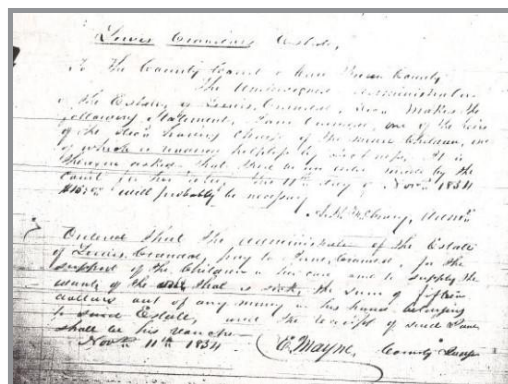
When it came to figuring out the parents and siblings of Salome Crandall Wells, I not only had to use land records but also probate records.

In November of 1834, Jane Crandall petitions the court for payment for her support of the minor children of Lewis Crandall.

The undersigned administrators  
of the Estate of Lewis Crandall, dec'd, makes the  
following statement, Jane Crandall, one of the heirs  
of the dec'd having charge of the minor children, one  
of which is rendered helpless by sickness. It is  
therefore asked that there be [??] order made by the  
Court for her [??], this 11th day of November 1834.  
\$15 will probably be necessary  
A. H. McCrurry, Attorney

Ordered that the administrator of the Estate  
of Lewis Crandall pay to Jane Crandall for the  
support of the children in her care and to supply the  
wants of the one that is sick, the sum of fifteen  
dollars and any money in his hand belonging  
to said Estate, and the receipt of said Jane  
shall be his voucher.  
Nov. 11th 1834  
E Mayne, County Judge

Van Buren County Probate Court Volume E page 48



In a filing in Probate Court, Anna Crandall, widow of Lewis Crandall, petitioned for her dower to be set aside.

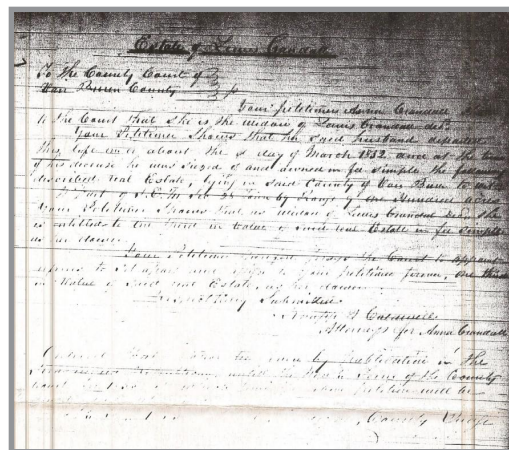
Estate of Lewis Crandall

To the County Court of  
 Van Buren County  
 I am petitioners Anna Crandall [Attorney?]  
 to the Court that she is the widow of Lewis Crandall dec'd  
 Your petition shows that the said husband departed  
 this life [unto] about the ? day of March 1832 and at the time  
 of his decease he was seized of and owned in fee simple the following  
 described real estate, lying in said County of Van Buren to wit  
 [W] part of S.E. [1/11] Sec 28 Town 69 Range 9 one hundred acres  
 Your petitioning [showed] that as widow of Lewis Crandall dec'd she  
 is entitled to one third in value of said real estate in fee simple  
 as her dower.  
 Your petitioner therefore [proposes] the Court to appoint  
 informed to set apart and assigns to your petitioner forever, one third  
 in value of said real estate as her dower  
 Respectfully Submitted  
 [????? ss ?] Caldwell  
 Attorney for Anna Crandall

Ordered that [????] the [?????] bu [publication in the  
 newspaper [????] until the [??? ??? ] of the County  
 [ ] petition will be

[????] County Judge

Van Buren County Iowa, Probate Record Volume E, page 271.



Then, in November 1855, the court ordered a 'Legal Notice' to the heirs of Lewis Crandall be placed in the Kasangua Republican newspaper.

#### Lewis Crandall Estate

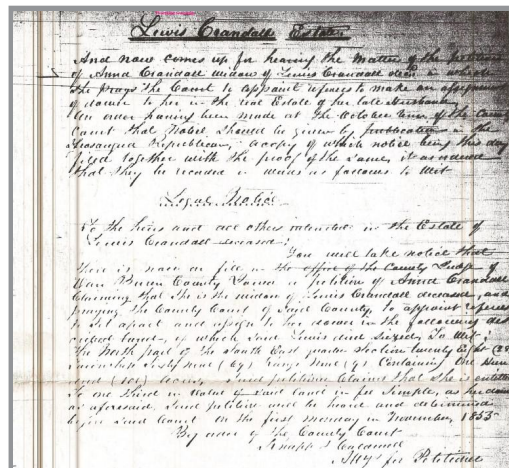
And now comes up for hearing the matter of the petitioner of Anna Crandall widow of Lewis Crandall dec'd in which she prays the Court to appoint referee to make an appportionment of dower to her in the real estate of her late husband  
 An order having been made at the October term of the cases court that notices should be given by publication in the Kasangua Republican a copy of which notice being this day

filed together with the proof of the same, it is ordered that they be recorded in words as follows to wit

#### Legal Notice

To the heirs and all others interested in the Estate of  
Lewis Crandall Deceased ;  
You will take notice that  
there is now on file in the office of the County Judge of  
Van Buren County Iowa a petition of Anna Crandall  
claiming that she is the widow of Lewis Crandall, deceased, and  
praying the County Court of said County to appoint referees  
to set apart and assign to her dower in the following decd  
certified bond of which said Lewis died siezed to wit:  
the North part of the South East quarter section twenty eight (28)  
township sixty nine (69) range nine(9) containing one hun  
dred (100) acres said petitioner claims that she is entitled  
to one third in value of said land in fee simple as her claim  
as aforesaid. Said petition will be heard and determined  
before said Court on the first Monday in November 1855  
By order of the County Court  
? A. Caldwell  
Attorney for Petitioner

Van Buren County, Iowa Probate Records Vol. E page 299



To figure out the heirs of Lewis Crandall, I had to turn to the records for the land. In 1841, this fractional quarter of section twenty eight (28) in township number sixty nine (69) of range number nine (9) west was purchased by Lewis Crandall.

This indenture made the 1st day of March in the year  
of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty one between  
E Manning of the County of Van Buren and Territory of

Iowa of the first part and Lewis Crandall of the county  
and territory aforesaid of the second part witnesseth that  
the said party of the first for and in consideration of the  
sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars and other cons  
iderations in hand paid by the said party of the second

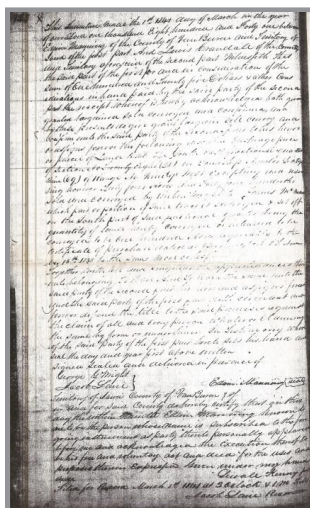


part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given  
granted bargained sold conveyed and confirmed and  
to those presents do give grant bargain sell convey and  
confirm unto the said party of the second part to his heirs  
and assigns forever the following described [Messaage] piece  
or parcel of land to wit the South East fractional quarter  
of section twenty eight (28) in township number sixty  
nine (69) of range no nine (9) West excepting said reser  
ving however forty four acres and fourty four hundredths  
sold and conveyed by Ruben Wright to James McMann  
which part or particion of said tract is surveyed & set off  
on the south part of said fractional quarter being the  
quantity of land hereby conveyed or intended to be  
conveyed to be one hundred acres agreeable to the  
certificate of purchase dated at Burlington IT Novem  
ber 15th 1838 be the same

Together written all and singular the appurtances There  
unto belonging To have and to hold the same unto the  
same party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever  
and the said party of the first part doth covenant and  
forever defend the title to the said premises against  
the claim of all and every person whatever claiming  
the same by from or under him. In testimony where  
of the said party of the first part hereto sets his hand and  
seal the day and year first above written;  
Signed seald and delivered in presence of  
George G. Wright (witness)  
Jacob Lane (witness)  
Edwin Manning (signed / sealed)

Territory of Owa County of Van Buren  
In and for said County do hereby certify that on this  
day the within named Edwin Manning known to  
me to be the person whose name is subscribed to thee fore  
going instrument as party think personally appeared  
before me said acknowledged the execution thereof to  
be his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and  
proposed therein expression given under my hand

Livale Kinney J  
Filed for record March 1st 1841 at 2 o'clock PM  
Isiah Lane Recorder

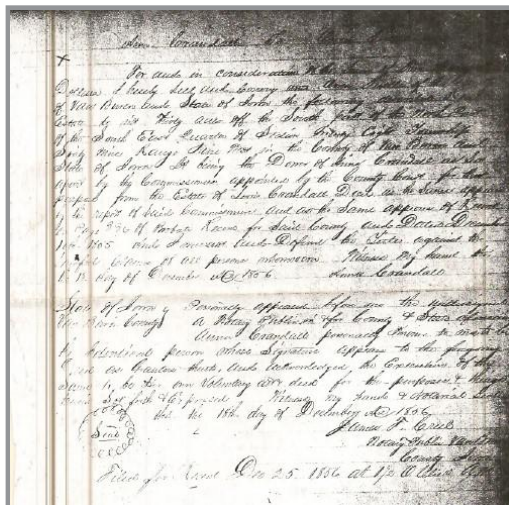


In December 1856, Anna Crandall sells the land set aside as her dower to Owen Tuttle.

#### Ann Crandall to Owen Tuttle

For and in consideration of the sum of two hundred Dollars, I hereby sell and convey unto Owen Tuttle of the County of Van Buren and State of Iowa the following described real estate to wit thirty acres off the South part of the North part of the South East Quarter of Section Twenty Eight Township Sixty Nine Range Nine West in the County of Van Buren and State of Iowa it being the dower of Anna Crandall as set apart by the commissioners appointed by the County Court for that purpose from the Estate of Lewis Crandall Dec'd as the same appraised by the report of said Commissioners and as the same appears of Record on Page 336 of Probate Record for said County and Dated December 16th 1855 and I [recant] and defend the title against the lawful claims of all person whomsoever witness my hand this the 18day of December AD 1856  
Anna Crandall

Van Buren County, Iowa Deed Book R page 195



That left about seventy acres of the north side of the SE fractional quarter of Section 28 in township 69 of range 9 West. In April of 1855, Frelove Crandall sold her undivided seventh to Thomas C Dodson. This deed was recorded in 1867.

Free[love] Crandall to Thomas C. Dotson

Know all men in these presents that I Frelove Crandall of the County of Van Buren and State of Iowa for and in consideration of the sum of one Hundred dollars to me paid by Thomas C Dodson the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged [have] granted bargained and sold and by these presents do convey unto the said Thomas C Dodson all my rights title and interest as heir to the estate of Lewis Crandall due on undivided seventh of South (70) acres off the North side of the South East fractional quarter of section twenty eight (28) township sixty nine (69) north of range nine (9) west containing seventy acres to have and to hold the same forever and I hereby warrant and affix the same to the said Thomas C Dodson his heirs and his assignees forever [by my] hand this [twentieth] day of April AD 1855. Frelove [Crandall]

Deed Book 3, page 208

State of Iowa

Van Buren County

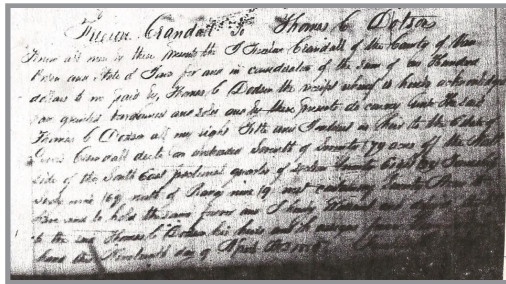
On this 19th day of April 1860 before me J.S. Steven County Judge in and for said county personally

Came Frelove Crandall personally know to be me to the identical person whose Name is affixed to the above deed as grantor and acknowledged the same to be Her voluntary act and deed. Witness by my hand and the seal of said County the Day and year above mention.

J. S. Sloan Co Judge

Filed for Record the 26th day of Dec AD 1867 at 11 o'clock AM

Van Buren County, Iowa Deed Book 3 page 207 and 208



On 31 January 1856, Jane Crandall married Clinton Dodson (Thomas C. Dodson.)

In September of 1857, Salome Crandall sold her portion of the land to Thomas C. Dodson.

Salome Crandall to Thomas C Dodson

Know all men by these presents that I Salome Crandall of the County of Mahaska and State of Iowa for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby convey all my rights to the And interest to the un? South of seventy acres in the South East fractional quarter of Section no twenty eight (28) in Township no Sixty nine north of Range no nine West to Thomas C. Dodson of the County of Van Buren and State of Iowa and I hereby warrant and defend the title to said property to the said Thomas C. Dodson his heirs and assigns forever In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name on the 15 day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Seven

Salome Crandall

A. West

H. Temple

State of Iowa Mahaska County

On this the 15th day of September AD 1857, before me the undersigned Notary

Public in and for said County appeared the above named Saloma Cordwell

Personally known to me to be the identical person whose name is affixed to the foregoing

[ ?deed?] conveyance as granter and acknowledge the same to be her voluntary act

And deed for the purpose therein approved In testimony whereof I have hereunto

Set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal at my office in Oskaloosa this

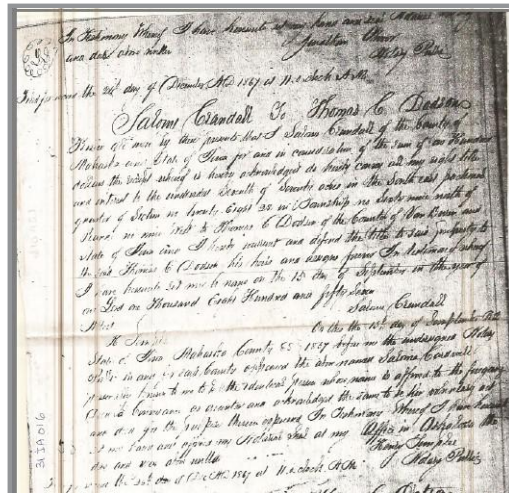
Day and year above noted.

Henry Temple

Notary Public

Filed for record the 26th day of Dec AD 1867 at 11 o'clock A. M.

Van Buren County, Iowa Deed Book 3 page 207



In October 1862, Mr. T. A. H. McCrary, guardian of the minor heirs of Lewis Crandall sold four sevenths of those 70 acres to Thomas C. Dodson. The deed identified those minor heirs as John N. Crandall, Eliza Ann Crandall, Elsey Crandall and Lewis Crandall, Jr.

John N. Crandall & others by guard'n to T. C. Dodson  
 Know all men by these presents Mr. T. A. H. McCrary of th County of  
 Van Buren and State of Iowa Guardian for the minor heirs of Lewis Crandall  
 Dec ?ver? John N. Crandall, Eliza Ann Crandall, Elsey Crandall & Lewis  
 Crandall JR by virtue of the power conferred upon me by law for an in consideration  
 Of the sume of four hundred and eighty dollars the receipt whereof is hereby  
 Acknowledge do hereby convey to Thomas C. Dodson his heirs and assigns the  
 Undivided interests of the above mentioned heirs being four sevenths of seventy  
 Acres off the north side of the SouthEast fractional quarter of Section no twenty  
 Eight in Township sixty nine north of Range no nine West The said A.  
 H McCrary hereby ???? himself his heirs and assigns to ???? and one ????  
 The title to said Real Estate to the said Thomas C. Dodson and his heirs  
 Forever In testimony whereof thereunto [execute] my name this October 18th  
 AD 1862.

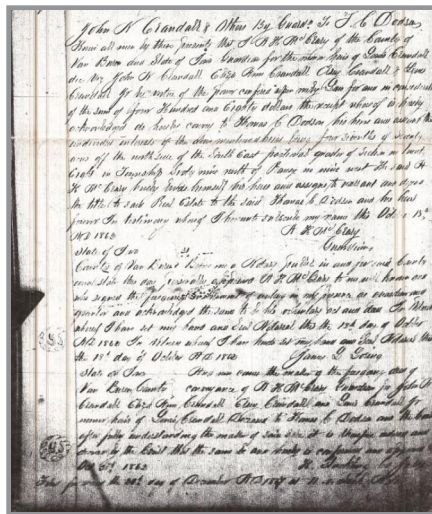
H. McCrary  
 Guardian  
 State of Iowa

County of Van Buren Before me a Notary public in and for said County  
 And State this day personally approved A. H. McCrary to me [with] known and  
 Who regard the foregoing instrument of writing in my presence as guardian and  
 Grantor and acknowledged the same to be his voluntary act and [deed] [Jr] [Minor]  
 Whereof I have set my hand and Seal Notarial this the 18th day of October  
 AD 1862 To [action] whereof I have set my hand and Seal Notarial this  
 The 18th day of October AD 1862 James L. Loring  
 State of iowa  
 Van Buren County

And now comes the matter of the foregoing deed of  
 Conveyance of A. H. McCrary guardian of John N.  
 Crandall, Eliza Ann Crandall, Elsey Cranall and Lewis Crandall Jr  
 Minor heirs of Lewis Cranda deceased to Thomas C Dodson and the Court  
 After fully understanding the matter of said heirs it is therefore ordered and  
 [ ] by the Court that the same to and [m ] is confirmed and approved

Dec 5th 1862 H [Shanklin], Co Judge  
Filed for record the 28th day of December AD 1867 at 11 o'clock AM

Van Buren County, Iowa Deed Book 3 page 207-208



The deeds for the land identify six of the heirs of Lewis Crandall: Frelove, Salome, John N., Eliza Ann, Elsey, and Lewis, Jr. Since there were 7 portions of land, there is a 7th heir. I believe that heir to be Jane Crandall, wife of Clinton Dodson. Since other records refer to Jane's husband as Thomas C. Dodson, I believe that the Thomas C. Dodson who purchased the land from the 6 identified heirs is Thomas C. Dodson. Thus, 70 acres of Lewis Crandall's land likely passed to his son-in-law, Thomas Clinton Dodson, husband of Jane Dodson.

I would never have figured out this family if I hadn't used both the probate and land records, along with the marriage record for Jane Crandall.



# No Car

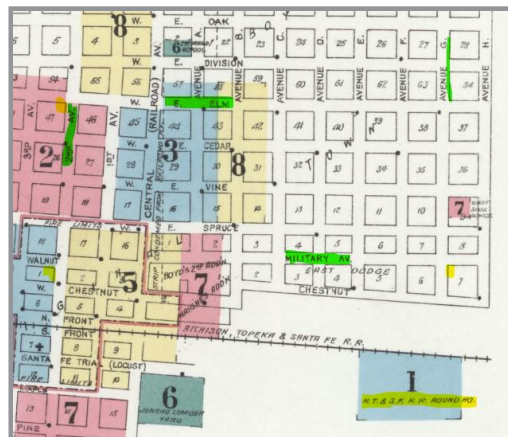
Saturday, July 17, 2021

#52Ancestors #Transportation

Did you ever have a grandparent or older relative tell you that they walked to school – 3 miles in the snow and uphill all the way? Even though we view that statement as an exaggeration today, parts of it were likely true for many of our ancestors. They often did walk to school even in the snow. And it may have been 3 miles to school.

Having a car has always been part of my life, but it wasn't always a part of my parents' life. A car was not part of my dad's life growing up either. His dad, Leon Crawford, walked to work at the Santa Fe railroad yards in Dodge City.

When the family lived at 510 Avenue G, near the corner of Military Avenue and Avenue G, the walk to the railroad shops on the south sides of the tracks would have been fairly short.



That walk to work got significantly longer when the family moved to 911 Second at the corner of Elm Street and Second Avenue. While living on 2nd avenue, not only was Leon walking to work, but his wife, Winnie was also walking to work. Winnie worked in the Eckles department store at the corner of Walnut and Second. Even though this was only a four block walk, Winnie made this walk in high heels. (Map pictured above is from a 1911 Sanborn map.)

I'm not sure when my grandparents purchased their first car, but it was prior to my dad's marriage in 1951. My parents were married in Emporia, Kansas in June of 1951. Although Kansans remember the 1951 flood that occurred in July, it was also flooding at the time of my parents' wedding. My dad described the flooding during an interview with him prior to his death as he described how he and his parents traveled from Dodge City to Emporia, Kansas.

D – We got married in First Christian Church in Emporia, Kansas June 9 1951, 1951 was the year of the great flood. But the great flood didn't occur until after June. Minor floods occurred the end of May and all of June before the major one in July and if you get out a Kansas map we traveled from Dodge City to — o jeepers – should've got out a Kansas



map myself – o just a minute – now I can't even read it

Me ah Florence

D – We traveled from Dodge City on 50 to Florence and had to go North at Florence and then across Herington and then across and then clear across north of Emporia and then south into Emporia and my best man Curt Craig and he traveled for 3 hours in various distances to get to Emporia and my usher Clair Conard was in Lawrence and he had a hard time I don't know how long it took him a while to get to Emporia. That flood also cost me several jobs that summer

Since my dad was riding with his parents to his wedding, he did not own a car at the start of his marriage. After their marriage, my parents moved to Glasco, Kansas where my father taught science in the local high school. During that first year of their marriage, my parents did not own a car. My mother shared that she rode in the back of the doctor's car to get from Glasco to the hospital in Beloit, Kansas for the birth of her first child.

We lived in Glasco Kansas we did not own a car. The hospital was in Concordia, no Beloit. The doctor said don't worry about it, I'll drive you. So when the time came, yea he came and picked us up and drove us. The problem was he had a brand new car and at that time you were supposed to break new cars in by driving them at varying speeds and not very fast. I thought we would never ever get to the hospital.

Later in the interview, my parents discussed how they would get from Glasco to their parents in Emporia or Dodge City for visits.

Me – I didn't realize you hadn't had a car when you lived in Glasco until probably the last month but when you were telling me about that you also told me how you got to Dodge City or Emporia to see your parents from Glasco

D – first of all we didn't have a car when we lived in Glasco. We didn't own a car until we lived in Emporia for the first time. Getting — I don't remember many times us that we went to Emporia or that we went to Dodge City

M – Yes – we I can't remember I think it was probably with (you said it was with friends) drove with

Me – you rode with them part way ...

M – yea they took us and there was a rest area on the high way coming down this side of Marion and daddy met us there and brought us on in to Emporia and they lived in what town close to Great Bend –

D Ellinwood –

M – and we would ride with them to Ellinwood and Gene's folks would come there to pick us up.

It is hard for me to imagine life without a car to go to work, to church or even the grocery store. And I live in a small town where walking to these places is feasible.

I am thankful that I took the time to interview my parents for these glimpses into their daily

life. I have a transcription of the interviews and have uploaded them as memories for my father on FamilySearch.

# Sharing WWI Letters

Sunday, July 18, 2021

#Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

On Sundays, I often blog in response to Randy Seaver's Genealogy Saturday Night Fun challenge. Since Randy's wife recently broke her hip, he has been spending a lot of time with her and her needs. Thus, this week's challenge was slightly different.

## GENEALOGY POT LUCK!!

**Whatever genealogy fun you want to do – please spend an hour and do it! Then tell us about it in your own blog post, and leave a comment here which I will add to the Comments after moderation.**

In thinking about uncompleted projects, I decided to share the letters my grandmother received from her twin brother, Paul Mentzer, during World War I. Since I had already scanned the letters, I thought all I had to do to share them was upload them to his profile on FamilySearch.

Unfortunately, this simple project wasn't quite that simple. Even though the scanned images had unique file names, FamilySearch viewed some of them as duplicates. This prevented me from being able to upload all of the images of the letters.

To get around this setback, I created word documents from the images for each letter and saved those documents as PDF files. This allowed me to upload the PDF files as documents.



Thanks to Randy's challenge the following letters are no longer buried in my files but shared on Paul Mentzer's profile on FamilySearch along with the profile of his twin sister, Pauline Mentzer (Mrs. Briles).

- September 1917
- November 1917 (postcard)
- December 1917
- April 1918
- August 1918
- October 1918
- November 1918

- January 1919
- January 1919 (postcard)

# Salome Crandall

Monday, July 19, 2021

**Salome Adell Crandall** was born on 24 Jun 1836 in Ohio, Kentucky, United States. 1– 6

Saloma Crandall was listed as a 15 year old female born Ohio in the household of Anna Crandall on the 1850 census. The family was living in Washington Township, Van Buren, Iowa, United States. 7

She sold interest in the fractional quarter of Section 28 Township 69 Range 9 to Thomas C. Dodson for \$100 on 15 Sep 1857 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States. 8

Salome Crandle was listed in the household of John N Crandle on the 1860 census. According to the census, Salome was 25 years old and born in Iowa. 9

She married Thurston Kennedy Wells on 20 Mar 1861 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States. 3– 6, 10– 13

On 16 Jan 1862, Freddie L. Wells was born in Eaton, Michigan, United States.

On 1 Jan 1866, Mary A. Wells was born in Eaton, Michigan, United States.

On 12 Jun 1868, Anna May Wells was born in Pleasant Hill (historical), Van Buren, Iowa, United States.

Saloma Wells was listed as a 35 year old boarder in the household of Jaosia Jameson on the 1870 census living in Des Moines Township, Van Buren County, Iowa. Listed below her was 2 year old Annie M. Wells, 17 year old Frank wells, and 12 year old William Wells. 14

According to her obituary, she was living in Kansas, United States in 1870. 6

On 5 Feb 1873, Nettie Adell Wells was born in Woodson, Kansas, United States.

Salome Wells was listed as a 39 year old female who was born in Ohio in the household of T K Wells on the 1875 census living in Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 15

Saloma Wells was listed in the household of T. K. Wells on the 1885 Kansas census. According to the census, Saloma was 49 years old. 16

Salome died on 30 Aug 1893 at the age of 57 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 1, 3, 6

She was buried at Yates Center Cemetery in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 1

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# Broken Record

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Do you ever feel like you are encountering the same issues over and over when researching your family history? For researchers with roots in the southern states, this might be dealing with burned out counties. Since I'm just starting to really dig into Virginia records, I'm just beginning to deal with this challenge.

Instead, my issue is what I call 'same name' issues. I recently wrote about my issues figuring out two different Thurston K. Wells and have for years written about my James Crawford research. However, yesterday while trying to research the descendants of Hiram M. Currey of Peoria County, Illinois. I kept encountering trees showing that he died in 1874.

So, I searched my file for someone who had a death place containing Miami and a death date containing 1874. With this search of my RootsMagic file, I found Hiram Merrick Currey (7 Apr 1818 – 3 Mar 1874). In my file, I have this Hiram Currey married to Julia Wicker. Since I believe my Hiram Currey ancestor was a lawyer in Peoria County, Illinois, I started comparing these two men. Even though I don't know when or where my Hiram Currey ancestor died, I do have a lot of facts for him in the 1820s and 1830s, including his admittance into the practice of law in 1822. *To begin practicing law in Rush County, Indiana, in 1822 my Hiram Currey ancestor had to have been born prior to 1818.*

Wanting to include a short narrative report for Hiram Currey (1818-1874) and Julia Wicker in this blog post, I started checking out his Ancestry hints. And discovered that there are several Ancestry hints for a marriage between Hiram Currey and Julia Hatfield.

So, back to RootsMagic I go searching my file for Julia Hatfield. And, I find a third Hiram Currey. This one is a doctor who was born in 1827 and died in 1898.

So, that is THREE Hiram Curreys, all of them with a middle initial of M.

- Hiram M. Currey, lawyer of Peoria County, Illinois who married Rachel Harris Whitaker
- Hiram Merrick Currey (1818-1874), a Methodist minister who married Julia Wicker and died in Miami County, Ohio
- Hiram Meyrick Currey (1827-1898), a physician who married Julia Hatfield and died in Spencer County, Indiana.

Since I have all of them in my file, is it possible they are related? As it turns out the minister and the doctor are first cousins. If I'm correct about my ancestors' grandfather, then they are all first cousins. All with very similar names, all likely first cousins.

Below is a family group sheet for the Methodist minister.

Family Group Sheet		4 July 2021
<b>Father: Hiram Merrick Currey<sup>1,2</sup></b>		
Birth	7 Apr 1818 Adams, Ohio, United States <sup>1</sup>	
Death	13 Jul 1874 Fitcher, Adams, Ohio, United States <sup>1</sup>	
Marriage	26 Jan 1845 Newport, Campbell, Kentucky, United States <sup>1</sup>	
Partner	Thomas Currey (1770-1837)	
Partner	John Pridy (abt.1762-1849)	
<b>Mother: Julia Wickert<sup>2</sup></b>		
Birth	20 Jul 1829 Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, United States <sup>1</sup>	
Death	24 Apr 1897 Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, United States <sup>1</sup>	
Burial	abt. 24 Apr 1897 Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio, United States <sup>1</sup>	
Partner		
Partner		
<b>Children</b>		
<b>F: Mary J. Currey<sup>3,4</sup></b>		
Birth	abt. 1856 Kentucky, United States <sup>1</sup>	
<b>M: Hiram Merrick Currey<sup>2</sup></b>		
Birth	3 Aug 1863 Dayton, Campbell, Kentucky, United States <sup>1,2,3</sup>	
Death	29 Apr 1941 Toledo, Tama, Iowa, United States <sup>1,2</sup>	
Burial	13 May 1941 Woodlawn Cemetery, Toledo, Tama, Iowa, United States <sup>1,2</sup>	
Spouse	Carrie Elizabeth Phares (1868- )	
Marriage	1889 Lebanon, Warren, Ohio, United States <sup>1,2</sup>	
<b>F: Nellie Della Currey<sup>2</sup></b>		
Birth	27 Apr 1870 North Lewisburg, Adams County, Kentucky <sup>1</sup>	
Death	24 Nov 1947 Newark, Los Angeles, California, United States <sup>1,2</sup>	

Below is a family group sheet for the doctor.

Family Group Sheet		4 July 2021
<b>Father: Hiram Merrick Currey<sup>1,2</sup></b>		
Birth	13 Sep 1827 Brown, Ohio, United States <sup>1</sup>	
Death	9 Jul 1898 Grandview, Spencer, Indiana, United States <sup>1,2</sup>	
Marriage	18 May 1852 Perry, Indiana, United States <sup>1,2,3,4,5,6,7</sup>	
Partner	William C. Currey (1790-1833)	
Partner	Elmer Adams (1795-1870)	
<b>Mother: Julia Hatfield<sup>1</sup></b>		
Birth	7 May 1862 <sup>1</sup>	
Partner		
Partner		
<b>Family Sources<sup>1,2</sup></b>		
<b>Children</b>		
<b>M: Herschel Eugene Currey<sup>1,4</sup></b>		
Birth	21 Dec 1860 Perry, Indiana, United States <sup>1,2</sup>	
Death	Nov 19 Apr 1926 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	
Spouse	Lilly Pomeroy <sup>1,2,3</sup>	
Marriage	<sup>1,2</sup>	
<b>M: John H. Currey</b>		
Birth	1837 Indiana, United States <sup>1,2</sup>	
<b>M: Cassius Leonard "Lena" Currey<sup>1,2,3,4</sup></b>		
Birth	25 Sep 1839 Indiana, United States <sup>1,2,3</sup>	
Death	22 Nov 1907 Evansville, Vanderburgh, Indiana, United States <sup>1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9</sup>	
Burial	Evansville Hill Cemetery, Evansville, Vanderburgh, Indiana, United States <sup>1,2</sup>	
Spouse	Alice A. Williams <sup>1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9</sup>	
Marriage	20 Apr 1885 Spencer, Indiana, United States <sup>1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10</sup>	
Spouse	Alice A. Williams (1879-1943)	

Anyone wishing sources for any of the above Hiram Currey's can leave a comment on this blog. One can also check out my Ancestry tree, Heartland Genealogy:

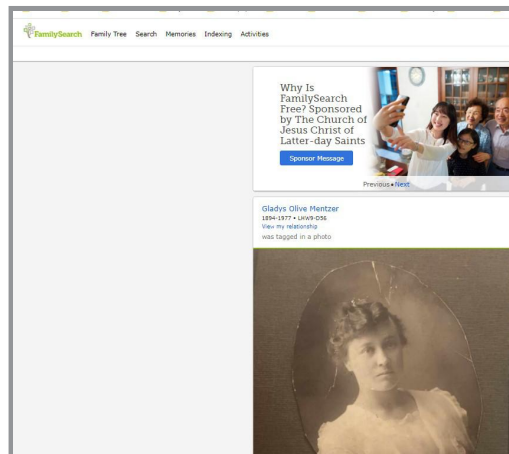
- Hiram Currey — the pastor
- Hiram Currey — the doctor
- Hiram Currey — the lawyer

## Sharing

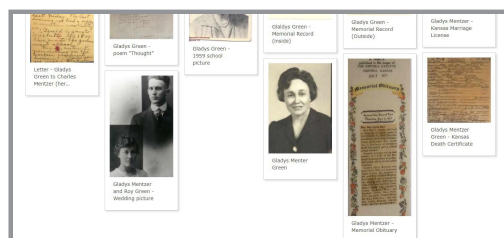
Wednesday, July 21, 2021

When you log into FamilySearch, do you pay attention to the pictures that ‘pop up’ indicating that someone added memories to a person you are following on the FamilySearch tree? I have to admit that I often just go on by this opening screen to either go to the tree or to the catalog.

However, I recently slowed down and realized that a cousin (likely 2nd cousin once removed) had added family photos to my great-aunt Gladys' page.



My first response was to contact the poster via FamilySearch's messages. Then, I dug in my files to compare what was posted with the pictures I received from my grandmother. Finding several items, including her wedding photo, I uploaded images from my files to FamilySearch so that this cousin I have never met could have access to them.



I feel an obligation to share the pictures handed down from my grandmothers with family members. Even though there are a variety of ways to share photos on the Internet, few of them allow for sharing with cousins I have yet to identify. In my opinion, the FamilySearch site is one of the few sites that will likely preserve these photos for future generations.

Since I have quite a few photos and documents for my aunts, uncles and great-aunts/uncles, I have expanded my list of goals to include getting these photos uploaded to FamilySearch. This is one way I can attempt to preserve these items for their descendants.

How are you planning to share or preserve photos and documents for your aunts/uncles

and great aunts/uncles?

# Throwback Thursday

Thursday, July 22, 2021

Gladys Olive Mentzer

My great-aunt



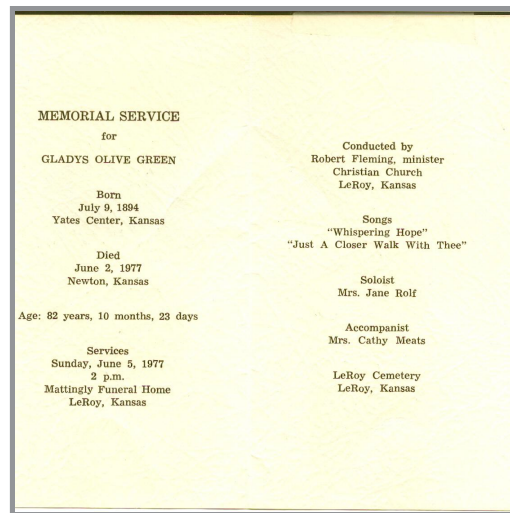
Gladys Olive Mentzer Baby Picture



Gladys Mentzer and Roy Green Wedding Photo



Back row: Gerald, Kenneth, Loris Front Row: Roy and Gladys Green



# Gladys Olive Mentzer

Friday, July 23, 2021



**Gladys Olive Mentzer** 1 was born on 9 Jul 1894 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 2–10

She was the child of Charles Oliver Mentzer and Nettie Adell Wells. 6

Bab Mentzer was listed as a 2 year old female born in Kansas in the household of Chas O. Mentzer on the 1895 Kansas census living in Woodson County, Kansas. 11

Gladys Mentzur was listed as a 5 year old female born July 1894 in KS living in the household of Charles Mentzur in Woodson County, Kansas on the 1900 census 12

Glads O Mentzer was listed as a 10 year old female born in Kansas living in the household of C. O. Mentzer in Neosho Falls, Woodson County, Kansas on the 1905 Kansas census. 13

Gladys O. Mentzer was listed as a 15 year old single female born in Kansas living in the household of Charles O. Mentzer in Liberty Township, Coffey County, Kansas on the 1910 census. 14

She visited with her parents on 17 May 1914 in Crandall, Coffey, Kansas. 15

Glades Mentzer was listed as a 20 year old teacher born in Kansas living in the household of C. O. Mentzer in Neosho Township, Coffey County, Kansas on the 1915 Kansas census. 16

In Nov 1915, Gladys attended Missouri Christian College in Camden Point, Platte, Missouri, United States. 17–20

Between 1918 and 1919, she was educated at Kansas State Normal School in Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States. 20–21



She graduated with a lifetime teaching certificate in 1918 in Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States. 22– 23

Between 1920 and 1950 Gladys was a teacher.

Gladys Green was listed as the 25 year old wife of Roy V. Green on 1920 census living in Neosho Falls Township, Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, Gladys was born in Kansas and was employed as a teacher. 24

Gladys M. Green was listed as the 30 year old wife of Roy V. Green on the 1925 Kansas census living in Phillipsburg, Phillips County, Kansas. According to the census, Gladys was born in Kansas. The household included 2 sons: Loris E, age 3 and Gerald R, aged 1. 25

Gladys M. Green was listed as the 35 year old wife of Roy V. Green living in Clyde City, Cloud County, Kansas on the 1930 census. According to the census, Gladys was born in Kansas and employed as a teacher in the city schools. Also listed in the household were Loris E., aged 8; Gerald, aged 6 and Kenneth aged 2 7/12. 26

She lived in Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States in 1936. 27

She lived in Kirwin, Phillips, Kansas, United States in Feb 1939. 28– 29

Gladys O. Green was listed as the 45 year old wife of Roy V. Green on the 1940 census living in Kirwin, Phillips County, Kansas. According to the census, Gladys was born in Kansas. Also listed in the household were 3 sons, Loris E., aged 18; Gerald R., aged 16 and Kenneth M., aged 12. The family was living in Emporia, Kansas in 1935. 30

Gladys lived in Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States in 1942. 31– 32

She lived in Burlington, Coffey, Kansas, United States on 26 Apr 1949. 33

She attended the funeral of Philip Embry Mentzer on 19 Jul 1952 in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 34

Gladys was graduated on 22 May 1954 from in Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States . 35

She lived at 1014 Market in Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States in Aug 1955. 36– 38

On on 24 Jul 1957, she of Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States attended the funeral of John W. Williams. 39

Between 1968 and 1969, Gladys was a member and president of retire teacher's association in Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States. 40

In Jun 1968, she hosted her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Green, Pat Roy and Jennifer of New Paltz, NY. 41

She published a book of poetry in Oct 1972 in Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States. 42

Gladys lived in Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States in 1976. 43

She lived at Kansas Christian Home in Newton, Kansas in Mar 1977. 44

She died on 2 Jun 1977 at the age of 82 at Kansas Christian Home in Newton, Harvey, Kansas, United States. 5– 8

Gladys was buried on 5 Jun 1977 at LeRoy Cemetery in Coffey, Kansas, United States. 6, 8, 45

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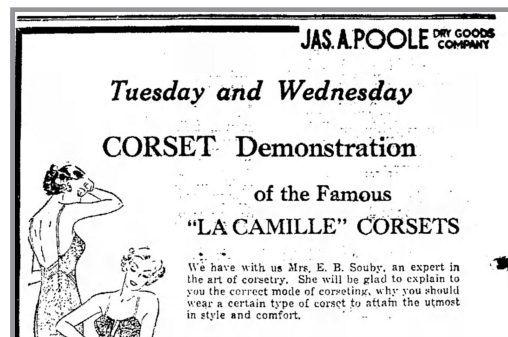
# Corsets

Saturday, July 24, 2021

#52Ancestors #Fashion

Even though they are evidently back in style, I can confess that I have never worn a corset. However, my grandmother wore a corset – every day. As a child, I once asked her why and she said it helped her back.

While grandma may have been wearing a corset in her later years to help her back, I doubt that is why she started wearing a corset. Like Sphinx Shapewear and corsets of today, corsets were worn to 'shape' the figure. A search of the Emporia, Kansas newspapers for the word corset between the years 1930 and 1950 supports the notion that a corset was a fashion 'necessity'.



The Emporia Gazette (Emporia, Kansas) 24 Sep 1934 at Newspapers.com – <https://www.newspapers.com/image/12269276/>

In 1939, the article “New Styles Call for Old Fashioned Corsets” promotes the need to wear a corset.

Chicago, Aug. 1 (AP) – The business of putting women back into corsets, the kind with laces and stays, came to light at the Merchandise Mart style clinic today.

There was an emphasis on bustle effects and smaller waists, posing the immediate question of how to get the smaller waist line.

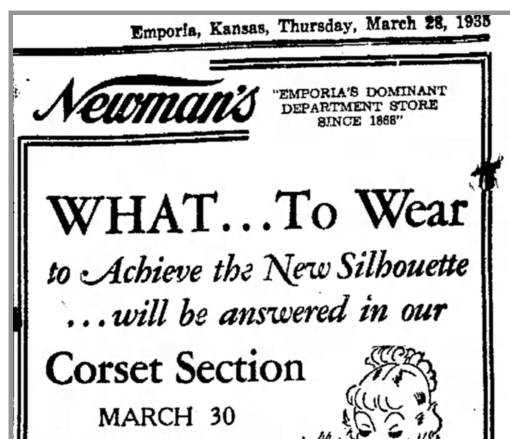
“By corsets, and in some instances, of course, corsets that lace,” said Mrs. Katherine Ratto, stylist in charge of the clinic, a feature of the fall-winter wholesale apparel market.

“Hip interest,” she said is achieved by the bustle effects — bows in back, loops of material, peplum jackets or nipped-in waists.

The Emporia Gazette (Emporia, Kansas) 1 Aug 1939 page 4 on Newspapers.com – <https://www.newspapers.com/image/10813881/>

So, where did my grandmother purchase her corsets? Since Newmans was one of my grandmother’s favorite stores, my first guess would have been Newmans.



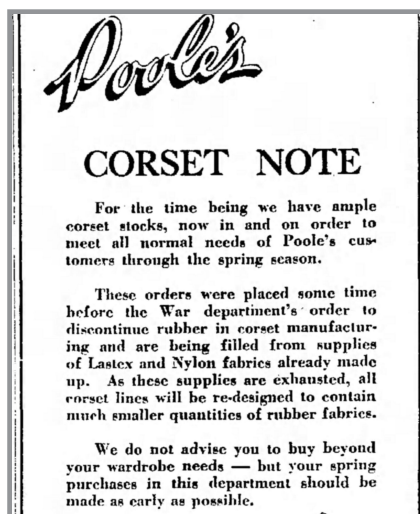


The Emporia Daily Gazette (Emporia, Kansas) 28 March 1935 page 6 on Newspapers.com – <https://www.newspapers.com/image/12335898/>

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Polk's Emporia City Directory 1940-1941 available on Ancestry in their U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 database

However, Newman's wasn't the only clothing store selling corsets at the time. There are several ads in the newspapers indicating that Poole's sold corsets. One of the most interesting ones is from the February 1942 paper discussing the rationing of rubber and the impact that had on the making of corsets.



The Emporia Gazette (Emporia, Kansas) 4 Feb 1942, page 2 on Newspapers.com – <https://www.newspapers.com/image/12552683/>

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Polk's Emporia City Directory 1940-1941 available on Ancestry in their U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 database

In the December 1949 issue of The Emporia Weekly Gazette (Emporia, Kansas) was a short news item about the corset department at Poole's.

Mrs. Ann Van Cleave, of Poole's corset and lingerie department, has recieved a certificate indicating that she has recently attended and completed a prescribed training course in the fundamentals of corsetry. The course is conducted by Warner's of Chicago.

The Emporia Weekly Gazette (Emporia, Kansas) 15 Dec 1949 on Newspapers.com – <https://www.newspapers.com/image/2755890/>

However, the ad that appeared the most often in the search results was for a small shop on 823 West Street run by Mrs. Roe G. Collins.



The Emporia Gazette (Emporia, Kansas) 20 Mar 1946 on Newspapers.com – <https://www.newspapers.com/image/12746200/>

My 'corset' search of the Emporia papers also turned up some interesting medical information regarding the wearing of corsets. The first article involved having monkeys wear corsets.

#### Wants Monkeys to Wear Corsets Two Full Years

Chicago (Oct. 11 (AP) – Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, physiologist and vice president of the University of Illinois wants 40 monkeys to wear corsets for two years in an experiment which may determine how grandma got her ulcers.

Dr. Ivy said he believes tight corsets, proposed for American women by Paris designers, help peptic ulcers. Research disclosed, he said, that women had more ulcers when they laced themselves tightly.

The experiment with the monkeys, estimated to cost \$5,000 would establish, or disprove his belief, Dr. Ivy said, and he plans to go through with it as soon as he can find 40 monkeys, the tightest corsets and \$5,000.

To prevent stripping, he'll put the monkeys into plaster cast molded from the corsets. After two years Dr. Ivy will tell women what, if anything has happened to the monkeys' insides.

The Emporia Gazette (Emporia, Kansas) 11 Oct 1947 on Newspapers.com –

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/10258820/>

Even though Dr. Ivy's proposal sounds inhumane to us today, there may have been some truth to his hypothesis that corsets caused ulcers since he was quoted about the corset-ulcer issue in an article about the issue in the Oct. 1950 issue of The Emporia Gazette.

Ulcers Less Numerous When Women Discarded Tight Fitting Corsets

Palm Springs (AP) – Old-fashioned corsets went out of style and peptic ulcers among women declined says a medical expert.

Using the year 1900 as a turning point, Dr. Andrew C. Ivy said that before the turn of the century there were about three times as many peptic ulcer cases among women as among men.

Today, since the stiff stays and tight lacings have been tossed out the style window, the ratio is reversed.

Dr. Ivy, vice president of the University of Illinois, added in his lecture to a dental medicine seminar Monday that the beneficial effect of more comfortable foundations for the ladies was accompanied by a general change in the American way of life and increased tensions among men.

The Emporia Gazette (Emporia, Kansas) 17 Oct 1950 on Newspapers.com – <https://www.newspapers.com/image/10723293>

While I disagree with Dr. Ivy's conclusion that the disappearance of the corset "increased tensions among men," I do believe that wearing a corset every day would have been uncomfortable and may have impacted the body. One will never know whether my grandmother's wearing of a corset helped her back or caused other medical issues. She was accustomed to it and continued to wear one even after styles changed.

However, I'm thankful that I live in a time period where I don't have to don a corset.

# Conflicting Data

Monday, July 26, 2021

Do you ever encounter records that seem to be the same person but contain conflicting data? Well, that just happened to me when I found an obituary for Mrs. Carrie Woolford in the 16 July 1931 issue of the Journal Gazette of Mattoon, Illinois.

Death of Former Arcola resident

Special to the Journal-Gazette

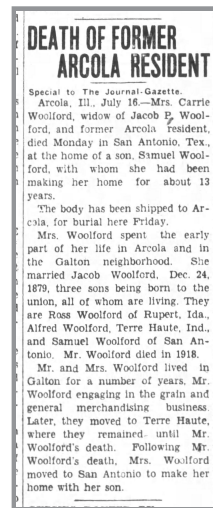
Arcola, Ill., July 16. — Mrs. Carrie Woolford, widow of Jacob P. Woolford, and former Arcola resident, died Monday in San Antonio, Tex., at the home of a son, Samuel Woolford, with whom she had been making her home for about 13 years.

The body has been shipped to Arcola for burial here Friday.

Mrs. Woolford spent the early part of her life in Arcola and in the Galton neighborhood. She married Jacob Woolford, Dec. 24, 1879, three sons being born to the union, all of whom are living. They are Ross Woolford of Rupert, Ida., Alfred Woolford, Terre Haute, Ind., and Samuel Woolford of San Antonio. Mr. Woolford died in 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolford lived in Galton for a number of years. Mr. Woolford engaging in the grain and general merchandising business. Later, they moved to Terre Haute, where they remained until Mr. Woolford's death. Following Mr. Woolford's death, Mrs. Woolford moved to San Antonio to make her home with her son.

"Death of Former Arcola Resident," *Journal Gazette (Mattoon, Illinois)*, 16 July 1931, page 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 12 July 2021).



Everything in the above obituary fits what I already knew about the family — EXCEPT — the location of her death. I had her death recorded as having happened in Idaho and not Texas. Thanks to Ancestry, I even have a copy of the Idaho death certificate.

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STATE OF IDAHO  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

County of Blaine State File No. 75948  
City of Rupert Registration District No. 18 Local Registrar's No. 28  
Primary Registration District No. 18

1. FULL NAME Caroline Woolford  
(If death occurred in a hospital, give the name of the hospital and street and number.)

2. SEX Female (a) Maiden Name Woolford (b) Married Name Woolford  
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred. yrs. mos. da. How long in city or town and state? (If appropriate give city or town and state) yrs. mos. da.

3. DATE OF BIRTH July 13, 1891 (a) Month July (b) Day 13 (c) Year 1891  
4. DATE OF DEATH July 13, 1931 (a) Month July (b) Day 13 (c) Year 1931  
5. TIME OF DEATH 10:00 a.m. (a) Hour 10 (b) Minute 00 (c) Second 00  
6. PLACE OF DEATH Home (a) City or town Rupert (b) State Idaho (c) County Blaine  
7. AGE 40 (a) Years 40 (b) Months 0 (c) Days 0  
8. SEX Female (a) Maiden Name Woolford (b) Married Name Woolford  
9. OCCUPATION Housewife  
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Idaho, Death Records, 1890-1967, Caroline Woolford, 13 July 1931; database with images, Ancestry.com ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : viewed online 14 June 2021).

So, are these records for two different people OR for the same person? I believe they are for the same person.

- The informant on the death certificate is Ross Woolford. The obituary includes a son named Ross.
- The obituary indicates that Ross Woolford lived in Rupert, Idaho. The death certificate indicates that Caroline Woolford died in Rupert, Idaho.
- The death certificate lists William Kelso as the father of Caroline Woolford which agrees with the information I have on the family.
- The obituary was found in a newspaper in the region where Caroline Kelso Woolford grew up and not in a newspaper where any of her children lived. So far, I haven't located an obituary in Idaho, Texas or Indiana.
- Caroline Woolford's Find a Grave site states that she died in Idaho.

Until I find records to indicate that these records are for two different individual, I am concluding that the obituary is for Caroline Kelso Woolford, daughter of William and Caroline Kelso and mother of Ross, Alfred and Samuel. If I didn't already have a lot of documented facts for this family, I would have had to reject the obituary.

So, the lessons I've learned by analyzing these records include:

- Conflicting records do not necessarily indicate two separate individual
- Having researched the entire family helped with the analysis of the conflicting records

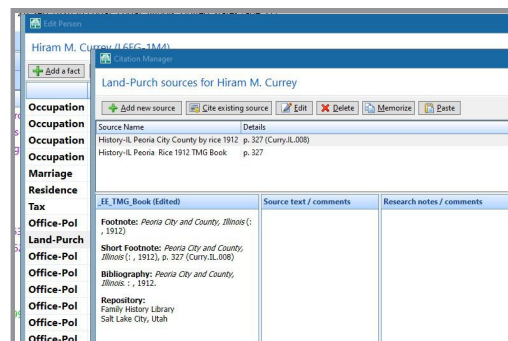
# Do-Over Update

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

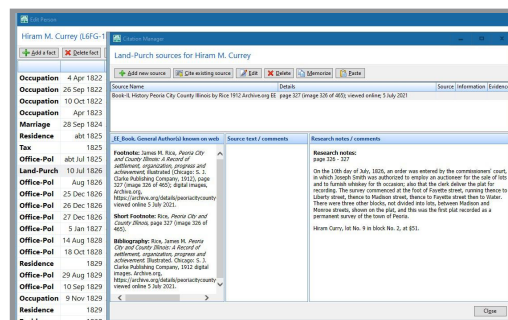
Did you start Thomas MacEntee's genealogy do-over or go-over? If so, did you make significant progress? I have to admit that I started this project in July of 2015 as evidenced by my blog post: [Genealogy Do-Over Week #1](#). And, based on my current project working with the records for a third great-grandfather, Hiram Currey of Peoria, Illinois and his children, I am NOT finished.

As I'm evaluating the information I have, I have to admit to several deficiencies in my research.

- Incomplete citations
- Untranscribed records
- Sketchy hand-written notes versus actual copies (photocopies / images) of the record



Working my way thru each of the facts and the sources for those facts, I am finding that many of those facts came from various county histories. Fortunately, many of those books have been digitized and can be found on sites such as [Archives.org](#). Thus, I can create a better citation and incorporate notes from the source and attach an image.



Even though I only have information for about 30 years of Hiram Currey's life, I have several courthouse documents – none of which were transcribed. Like the land dispute court case that I recently transcribed, transcribing the remaining records will likely take some time. However, these untranscribed records are the only records I currently have that tie Hiram Currey to his brothers.

Those records support an unwritten proof argument tying Hiram Currey of Peoria to his

son, Hiram Currey of Leavenworth County, Kansas and to his father, Hiram Currey of Champaign County, Ohio. Thus, I envision spending several days transcribing these records in hopes of identifying leads to more records.

Even though I'm not finished, I'm thankful for Thomas MacEntee's genealogy do-over and the incentive to begin going back thru my files.

# Paul Mentzer Wounded

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

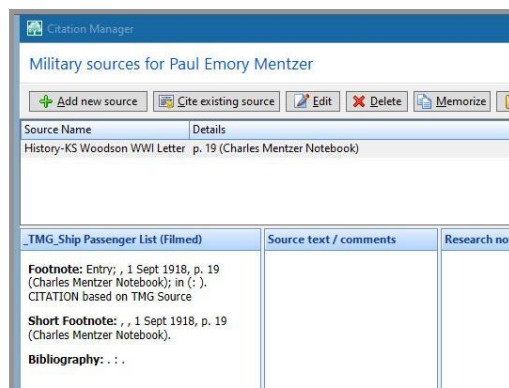
When you are looking back thru your genealogy data do you ever say to yourself, “Wow, I didn’t remember that!” or “Wow, I didn’t give enough details for that!” or even “Wow, that is such a sloppy citation!” Well, that is my case as I’m looking over the facts I have for Paul Mentzer.

That’s when I came across the fact and accompanying sentence:

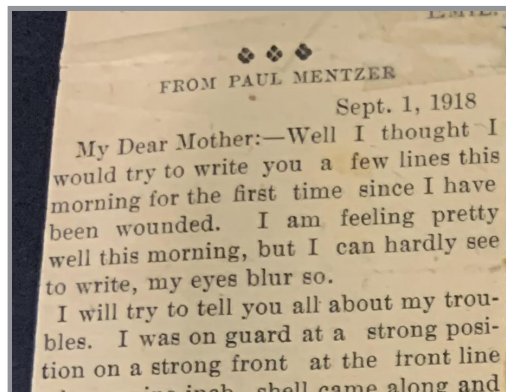
Paul Emory Mentzer was wounded while serving in Col. E 139th Infantry A.E>F. before 1 Sep 1918.

I don’t have where he was when he was wounded, how he was wounded or even an exact date. Nor, do I know the extent of his wounds.

And then I look at my source and discover that I have almost nothing in the source details.



So I go digging in my notebooks to locate this source and find a newspaper clipping. (Thank you, grandma)



Since this clipping was saved by my grandmother, it is likely from a Kansas newspaper. Since the letter was from Paul Mentzer to his mother, it was likely printed in a Woodson county, Kansas newspaper. Thanks to efforts to digitize Kansas newspapers, I was able



to locate a digitized copy on Newspapers.com.

From Paul Mentzer

Sept. 1, 1918

My Dear Mother: — Well I thought I would try to write you a few lines this morning for the first time since I have been wounded. I am feeling pretty well this morning, but I can hardly see to write, my eyes blur so.

I will try to tell you all about my troubles. I was on guard at a strong position on a strong front at the front line when a nine-inch shell came along and bursted about ten feet from me. Well, I didn't know anything for about four hours, I guess. When I did come to I found I had a piece of shrapnel in my chest which came awful near getting me. It went clean under my ribs. The doctor said it just came a fraction of an inch getting me. There was also one in my left leg, above my knee about four inches. I got another shrapnel which was about four inches long and two inches wide and it went almost tot he bone. I tell you it sure is ore. Then my eyes were nearly put out. I couldn't see for four days to amount to anything I can't read yet, only very large print. My face was burned by the powder from the shell, and I was shell shocked also, and gassed. Well, to make a long story short, I had seven wounds, besides some small ones. There were seven wounded by the same shell and two killed. The boy that was standing beside me was blown all to pieces and died instantly. Poor kid, he never knew what struck him. The other boy was also blown up. I tell you mamma it's terrible. I tell you I had a hard fight for my life, but with God's help and my strong constitution I pulled through all right. After I was hit I first went to the aid station to have my wounds wrapped up so that I wouldn't bleed to death before I could get to the field hospital. I was carried on stretchers for about three miles, then putn in an ambulance truck and rode for about 15 miles to a field hospital where I was operated on to get the pieces of shrapnel out of my body. I was wounded at 5 a.m. and I do not know what time I went under the influence of ether, but I do know when I came out from under the influence of it. It was 10 p.m. that night. I stayed there three days until I was able to be taken to the base hospital. It was about 75 miles from the field hospital to the base hospital. I was transferred in an ambulance with beds in it, so I was handled very nicely. When I arrived at the base hospital I was worn out, but I found to my surprise, a big first class hospital with American nurses. I am certainly treated well, better than I expected to be. The nurse comes often; she feeds me with a spoon. If I stay here long enough I will get my mail here, but if I don't it will be kept for me at my Co.

I have been in the trenches three times. We sure have them on the run now. We are hoping for victory soon and our safe return home — back to the good old U.S.A. I suppose you got the letter the chaplin sent for me?

Well I must close for my eyes will hardly let me write. Don't worry about me, for I am getting along fine. Good-bye, good luck and God bless you all.

From your loving son.

Paul E. Mentzer

Co. E, 139th Inf. A. E. F.

(From Paul Mentzer's Chaplin)

A.E.F., Aug. 27, 1918

Mrs. C. O. Mentzer,

Neosho Falls, Kansas

My Dear Mrs. Mentzer

I have just come from the hospital here where I found your son Paul quite badly wounded, but we think he will pull through O.K. He was hit by a high explosive shell last night. His face is badly scalded and several pieces of the shell hit him in the body. He said to tell you not to worry and that he would soon be around all right and would get even with the enemy. It is wonderful the spirit all our boys show in danger or wounded. They are all game to the end, and your son is equal to any of them. I am chaplain in the 139th and shall do all in my power for your son. Rest assured that he will get all the best attention that he would get anywhere, and don't worry over him.

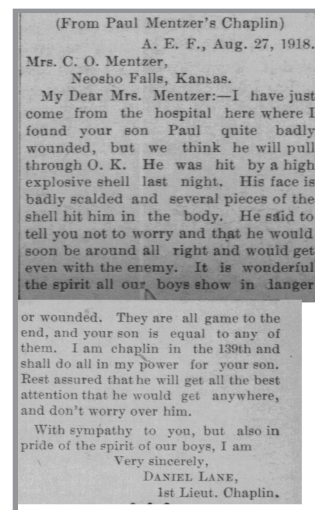
With sympathy to you, but also in pride of the spirit of our boys, I am

Very sincerely,

Daniel Lane

1st Lieut. Chaplin

So, now I have details about how Paul Mentzer was wounded and the ability to create a better citation. I doubt I would have unearthed these details if I hadn't been reviewing my data.



# Throwback Thursday

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Paul Emory Mentzer (1896-1942)

My grandmother's twin brother



Paul and Pauline (not sure which is which)



Paul Mentzer / WWI



Wedding Photo: Paul Mentzer and Ada Saferite



Paul, Ada and Eugene



Paul, Ada, Eugene and Delois



Delois, Ada and Eugene Mentzer

# Clippings

Friday, July 30, 2021

Do you have newspaper clippings in your genealogy files that have no source information? Do those clippings provide vital information that you can't find in another source?

That's my situation with one of the obituaries for my grandmother's twin brother, Paul Mentzer. Paul died in Colorado. According to his death certificate, he died from a fractured skull.

This death certificate raises the question as to how Paul Mentzer fractured his skull. An obituary was located in the *Iola Register* from Iola, Kansas that does not provide any clues as to how this injury happened.

Paul Mentzer Rites Tuesday  
(Special to the Register)

Neosho Falls, Aug. 17 — Word was received here by relatives Saturday of the death of Paul Mentzer of Springfield, Colo. Mr. Mentzer who was 46 years old, was a former resident of Neosho Falls but for the past 7 years had taught in the schools at Springfield. The body arrived in Iola this morning and was accompanied by Mrs. Mentzer and the couple's two sons, Delos and Eugene. Before her marriage Mrs. Mentzer was Ada Saferite of Neosho Falls.

He is also survived by his father, C. O. Mentzer, Neosho Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Pauline Briles and Mrs. Gladys Green of Emporia; and two brothers, Leslie, Neosho Falls, and Herbert of near LeRoy.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Neosho Falls Methodist Church with burial in Cedarvale cemetery.

"Paul Mentzer Rites Tuesday," *The Iola Register* (Iola, Kansas), 17 August 1942, page 1; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 23 December 2019).

Having found one obituary in the *Iola Register*, one might not continue looking. However,



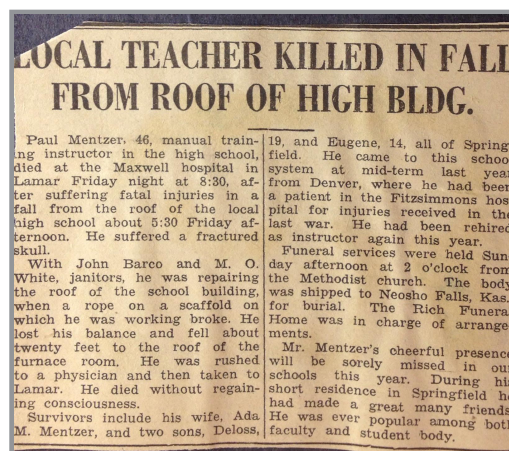
I didn't stop looking and found one with a few more details.

#### News of Neosho Falls

Neosho Falls, Aug. 19 – Funeral services for Paul Mentzer, who was accidentally killed while working on a building at Springfield, Colo., Saturday afternoon, was held at the Methodist church here Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. R. L. Kuhns, pastor of the church. A mixed quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Leedy, Miss Marion Farhum and Herbert Tidd sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "No, Night There" accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Ray Tidd. Interment was made in Cedervale cemetery here.

"News of Neosho Falls," The Iola Register (Iola, Kansas), 20 August 1942, page 2; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 26 July 2021).

However, it is that clipping that my grandmother saved that has the most information. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to locate a digital copy of the obituary.



#### Local Teacher Killed in Fall from Roof of High Bldg.

Paul Mentzer, 46, manual training instructor in the high school died at the Maxwell hospital in Lamar Friday night at 8:30, after suffering fatal injuries in a fall from the roof of the local high school about 5:30 Friday afternoon. He suffered a fractured skull.

With John Barco and M. O. White, janitors, he was repairing the roof of the school building, when a rope on a scaffold on which he was working broke. He lost his balance and fell about twenty feet to the roof of the furnace room. He was rushed to a physician and then taken to Lamar. He died without regaining consciousness.

Survivors include his wife, Ada M. Mentzer, and two sons, Deloss, 19, and Eugene 14, all of Springfield. He came to this school system at mid-term last year from Denver, where he had been a patient in the Fitzsimmons hospital for injuries received in the last war. He had been rehired as instructor again this year.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church. The body was shipped to Neosho Falls, Kas., for burial. The Rich Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Mentzer's cheerful presence will be sorely missed in our schools this year. During his short residence in Springfield he had made a great many friends. He was ever popular among both faculty and student body.

Thus, I'm thankful that my grandmother saved the clipping. I just wished she had



provided a few details about where she got the obituary. I'm also thankful I have kept these unsourced obituaries that my grandmothers saved.

# Mumps, Measles, Chicken Pox

Saturday, July 31, 2021

#52Ancestors, #Health, #SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Well, it's not Saturday night, nor is it Sunday. but I haven't forgotten about doing a Saturday Night Genealogy Fun post. So, let's pretend, it is Saturday night and some time for some genealogy fun.

**Here is your assignment if you choose to play along (cue the Mission Impossible music):**

- 1) What memories do you have of family sickness or death? Tell us about one or more of them and how the family dealt with it.**
- 2) Tell us in your own blog post, in a comment to this blog post, or on Facebook. Be sure to leave a comment with a link to your blog post on this post.**

Do you remember being sick or in the hospital as a child? I was in the hospital to have my tonsils removed around age 5 and had a bad case of influenza while a kindergartner. However, my best memories are of when I got the childhood illnesses of mumps, measles and chicken pox.

Towards the end of first grade, I evidently wasn't very careful when I used the drinking fountain because I got the mumps. The theory was that another student who had recently had the mumps passed them to me via the drinking fountain.

I remember being placed in my parents' room and the room being kept dark. I also remember being told that the dishes and silverware I used had to be kept separate from the other dishes and silverware. I even have a vague memory of the doctor visiting me in that room. My mom's efforts to keep me isolated from the rest of the family remind me a lot of what families are going thru today when someone gets COVID. Thanks to my mom's efforts no one else in the family got the mumps.

I couldn't have been released from my 'quarantine' very long before I got the measles. This time, I wasn't alone. Both of my brothers also got the measles.

After recovering from the measles and being released from our confinement, the three of us came down with chicken pox. Thus, we were confined again. I remember the oatmeal baths and the constant reminders not to scratch.

So basically, I spent the entire summer between first and second grade confined to the house. And my mother spent the entire summer caring for a 7 year old, a 5 1/2 year old and a 2 year old.

When I interviewed my parents, I asked my mom about what I referred to as the 'summer from hell'. Below is a transcription of that portion of the interview:

*Me – Do you remember what must have been the summer from 'hell' when you had three kids with measles and chicken pox*

*M – well I remember it wasn't too bad thanks to grandma and grandpa Crawford and uncle LR. Cause LR was I'll never forget him sitting there oohing and aahing at the*

fireworks when you guys still had the chicken pox. Cause you couldn't go outdoors. And you couldn't go out and see the fireworks but we could see them from the picture window there in Dodge and he was sitting down there by that window and course Gene was gone he had gone away to school that summer

D – you remember that

*Me – I don't remember that*

M – he had left a week early because you got the mumps and he had never had the mumps and how the boys escaped the mumps I'll never know

*Me – you kept me in isolation*

M – ya but you know even so, they probably, they're lucky, they got vaccine as soon as the mumps vaccine came out

Thankfully, we have now have vaccines for the mumps, measles and chicken pox. These vaccines keep children (and their parent caregivers) from going thru a summer like mine.

As adults, we have another vaccine that we can take. This one is to prevent COVID-19. Currently, young children cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19. To protect them, we need to create a circle of vaccinated people around them. So please, protect the children in your life by getting a COVID vaccine.

# Favorites

Sunday, August 01, 2021

Do you have a favorite aunt/uncle or great-aunt/great-uncle? Identifying a favorite is this week's #SaturdayNightGenealogyFun writing prompt.

**Calling all Genea-Musings Fans: It's Saturday Night again – time for some more Genealogy Fun!!**

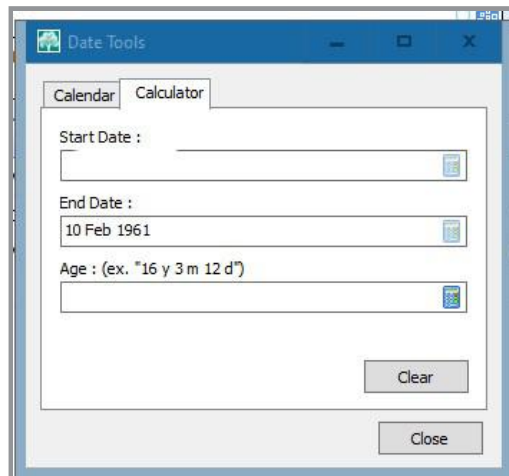
**Here is your assignment if you choose to play along (cue the Mission Impossible music):**

- 1) Most people have aunts and uncles in their life, the siblings of their parents, and in some cases, great-aunts or uncles, the siblings of their grandparents. Who are/were our favorite aunts and/or uncles?**
- 2) Tell us in your own blog post, in a comment to this blog post, or on Facebook. Be sure to leave a comment with a link to your blog post on this post.**

In thinking about this question, I have to admit I don't really have a favorite.

As a young child, I likely would have answered this question by identifying my "uncle LR". I think one of the reasons that I identify him as a favorite is because his death as a young man is one of my childhood memories that still impacts me today.

As I was writing this, I was curious about how old I was when he died. That's when I discovered a tool within RootsMagic that I don't think I've used before: the Date Calculator. Basically, this tool allows me to enter two dates and calculate an age. Thus, I entered my birthdate and LR's death date.



With this tool, I realized that I was under 9 years old when he died. So, what was it about LR that separates him from my other aunts and uncle?

Looking back, I would have to say it is because he was present in my life. LR became a major presence in my life when my parents moved to Dodge City when I was about 3 years old. Even though he was attending college in Emporia and then in Wisconsin for most of that time, he was home for holidays and summers. It was one of those summers

that LR was a major help for my mother as the mumps, measles and chicken pox ruled that summer.

It was LR's presence and then his death that causes me to pick him as a favorite.



Granddad and Grandma Crawford holding my brothers, Grandma Briles and mom standing behind me and LR on the right.

# Paul Mentzer

Monday, August 02, 2021



**Paul Emory Mentzer** 1 was born on 28 Mar 1896 in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 1– 5

He was the child of Charles Oliver Mentzer and Nettie Adell Wells. 6

Paul Mentzer was listed as the son of Charles Mentzer on the 1900 census in Woodson County, Kansas. According to the census, Paul was born Mar 1896 in Kansas. 7

He was listed as Paul Mentzer, an 8 year old male born in Kansas, on the 1905 census living in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States on 1 Jul 1905. 8

The 1910 census shows a 13 year old single male born Kansas who was listed as Paul E. Mentzer living in Liberty Township, Coffey, Kansas, United States on 27 Apr 1910. 9

The 1915 Kansas census shows an 18 year old agriculture laborer born in Kansas who was listed as Paul Mentzer in Neosho Township, Coffey, Kansas, United States. 10

Paul registered for the draft on 5 Jun 1917 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 11

On 25 Apr 1918, he departed aboard the Caronia as part of the 139th Infantry from New York, New York, United States. 12

About Sep 1918, he was wounded when a 9 inch shell burst near him while serving in Co. E 139th Infantry A.E.F. He had shrapnel wounds in his chest and on his left leg just above his knee. He also was burned by the powder from the shell and gassed. 13–14

On 13 Jan 1919, Paul sent a Niagara Falls postcard to his sister, Mrs. E. O. Briles, stating that he was on his way to Funston. 15

The 1920 census shows a 23 year old male born Kansas who was employed as a garage

mechanic who was listed as Paul Mentzer living in Everett Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 16

He married Ada Ellen Saferite on 25 Aug 1921 in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 17– 20

He lived in Pittsburg, Crawford, Kansas, United States in 1925. 21

He received Bachelor of Science Degree on 28 May 1925 in Pittsburg, Crawford, Kansas, United States. 22– 24

In Aug 1925 Paul was in Burr Oak, Jewell, Kansas, United States. 25

In Aug 1926 he was a manual training instructor at the high school in Council Grove, Morris, Kansas, United States. 26

He registered as a veteran of WWI in 1930 in Saline, Kansas, United States. 27

The 1930 census shows a 34 year old male born in Kansas who was employed as a teacher who was listed as Paul E. Mentzer in Eureka Township, Saline, Kansas, United States. 28

In Aug 1933 Paul was a principal in Gas, Allen, Kansas, United States. 29

He lived at 247 Fillmore in Denver, Denver, Colorado, United States in 1937. 30

He lived in Lyons, Boulder, Colorado, United States in Feb 1939. 31– 32

The 1940 census shows a 44 year old male born in Kansas who was employed as a manual training teacher and who was listed as Paul Mentzer living in Lyons, Boulder, Colorado, United States. 33

About 1941, Paul was being treated for injuries suffered during World War I at Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver, Denver, Colorado, United States. 34

He registered for the draft in 1942 in Springfield, Baca, Colorado, United States. 35

He lived in Springfield, Baca, Colorado, United States in Aug 1942. 1, 34

Paul died on 14 Aug 1942 in Lamar, Prowers, Colorado, United States at the age of 46. He fractured his skull in an accident at a public school building in Springfield, Colorado. 1, 4– 5, 34, 36– 39

He was buried on 18 Aug 1942 at Cedarvale Cemetery in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 1, 4, 34, 38– 41

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# Civil War Deaths

Tuesday, August 03, 2021

Have you ever had a conversation with a friend that was totally unrelated to your genealogical research that caused you to go search your data for facts related to that discussion?

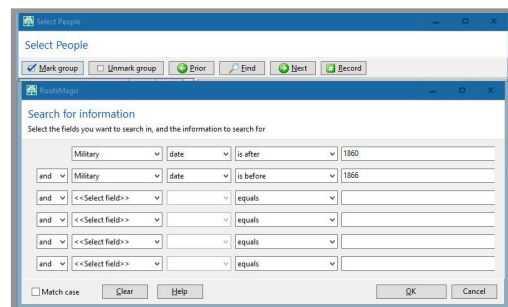
That happened to me when a friend described a trip she and her mother and sisters took to the Atlanta area. During the trip they visited the Kennesaw mountain battlefield. During their tour, they were told that the fighting stopped to allow both sides to bury the dead on the battlefield due to the stench. This battle fact was recorded in the first hand account written by Confederate Private Sam Watkins.

On the third morning the Yankees raised a white flag, asked an armistice to bury their dead, not for any respect either army had for the dead, but to get rid of the sickening stench. I get sick now when I happen to think about it. Long and deep trenches were dug, and hooks made from bayonets crooked for the purpose, and all the dead were dragged and thrown pell mell into these trenches. Nothing was allowed to be taken off the dead, and finely dressed officers, with gold watch chains dangling over their vests, were thrown into the ditches. During the whole day both armies were hard at work, burying the Federal dead....

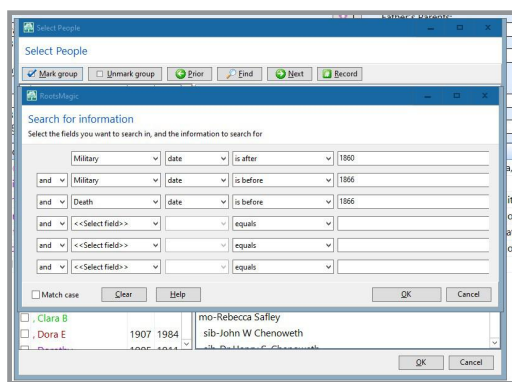
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Discussing this battle, the comment was made that so many had died while fighting the civil war. Knowing that none of my second great-grandfathers who served were killed during their service. I was curious as to whether I have anyone in my file who died during military service in the civil war, I decided to investigate.

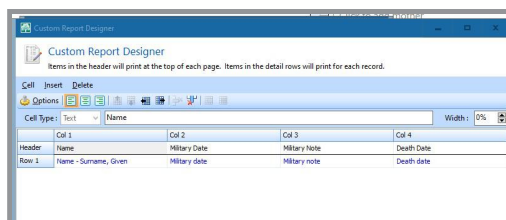
To begin my search, I created a marked group of those people who have a military fact with a date between 1860 and 1866.



That identified 76 individuals in my tree with military facts dated between 1860 and 1866. To narrow down the list to those who died during the civil war, I added a line to my search for a death date before 1866.



That left me with nine people who died while serving in the military during the civil war. Since I already had a custom report showing military information and date of death, I used that report.



This produced a report showing the military information for each of the nine along with their death date.

17 July 2021			
Name	Military Date	Military Note	Death Date
Crawford, Horace Stanley	20 Feb 1861	Horace S. Crawford served as a private in Co. I of Iowa Cavalry. He was killed during the civil war. According to his muster roll information, he died of disease.	29 Dec 1864
Crawford, James Samuel	abt 1861	James S. Crawford served in Company B 16th Indiana Infantry Volunteers during the civil war. He died of measles after being captured at Stone River Dec. 31, 1862. He was last seen at West Point, Georgia, January 1, 1863.	10 Jan 1863
Crawford, William Marion	abt 1861	William Marion Crawford served in Co. B 16th Indiana Infantry Volunteers. He died at Camp Sherman, Ohio.	Dec 1862
Gilmore, Joseph	bet 1861 and 1862	Joseph Gilmore served in Company I of the 7th Indiana Infantry Volunteers. He died from measles received at Corinth.	4 Jul 1863
Minnick, John W.	8 Aug 1861	John W. Minnick served as a private in Company A 1st Indiana Infantry Volunteers. He was killed at the battle of Stone River.	31 Dec 1862
Ridson, John Nelson	9 Aug 1862	John Nelson Ridson served as a private in Company F of the 10th Indiana Infantry Volunteers.	23 Mar 1863
Rind, John C.	from 17 Sep 1863 to 25 Jul 1864	John C. Rind served in Company K, 7th Regiment, Indiana Cavalry.	18 Aug 1864
Roberts, John Wesley	7 Sep 1862	John Wesley Roberts served in Company E of the 8th Indiana Infantry Volunteers.	21 Nov 1863
Spragg, Fred	13 Aug 1862	Fred Spragg served in Company C, 10th Indiana Infantry.	19 May 1863

Unfortunately, I don't have the cause of death for all nine of these civil war deaths. Thus, further research is needed to learn how all of these men died.

Now that I know how to pull this information from RootsMagic, I can create similar reports for other wars.

# Creating Narrative Reports

Wednesday, August 04, 2021

Do you ever want to 'tell' an ancestor's story versus just a list of dates and facts? For me, that is my preferred method of sharing information about an ancestor.

Although my genealogy software, RootsMagic, provides a quick and easy way to generate those reports, there is some pre-work that goes into their creation. In order to have paragraphs, one needs sentences.

I first learned to build these sentences when using The Master Genealogist. The community of users for that software was fantastic about figuring out creative ways to build a complicated sentence. Even though, the 'memo' feature found in TMG did not transfer to RootsMagic, I am learning how to manipulate the sentences in RootsMagic.

Armed with that basic knowledge of how the sentence structure works, I have learned to modify the order of the text to add variety to a narrative report.

One of the 'hacks' I use on a regular basis is to rearrange the order of the elements in the sentence so that there is some variety. An easy way to do this is to move the date to the front of the sentence. When I have a group of facts that all place the date to the end of the sentence, I can customize the sentence for one or more of those facts.

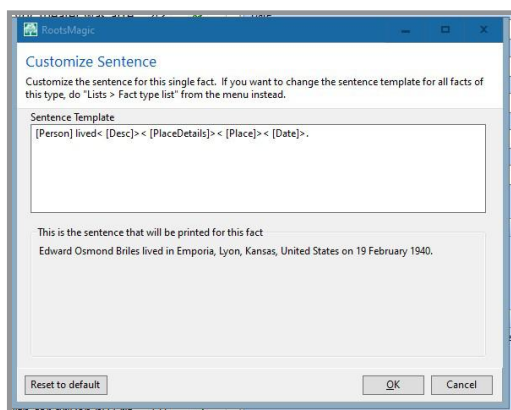
For example, my grandfather has 7 facts between 1938 and 1941 that will all have a similar sentence structure with the date toward the end of the sentence.

<b>Residence</b>	1938	Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States	47	✓
<b>Residence</b>	1939	Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States	48	✓
<b>Residence</b>	19 Feb 1940	Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States	48	✓
<b>Court</b>	9 Mar 1940	listed as one of 550 witnesses with kno...	48	✓
<b>Residence</b>	3 Apr 1940	Marital Status: Married; Relation to Hea...	48	✓
<b>Residence</b>	1 Mar 1941	Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States	49	✓
<b>Accident</b>	Nov 1941	when he collided with car driven by Frit...	50	✓

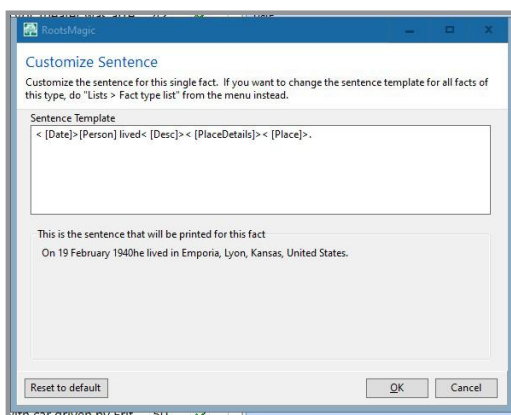
Clicking on each fact will reveal the sentence.

<b>Residence</b>	1936	Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States	45	✓	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Private</div> <div>Residence details</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date <input type="checkbox"/> No Residence given</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Residence given</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Name <input type="button" value="Share this text"/></div> <div>Customize Sentence</div> <div>Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States on 19 Feb 1940</div>
<b>Land-Purch</b>	Jun 1938	a third picture house - Excelsior Springs, Mo.	45	✓	
<b>Residence</b>	1937	Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States	46	✓	
<b>Land-Sold</b>	Feb 1937	Continued Falls Lyrice Theater to CharL.	45	✓	
<b>Residence</b>	1938	Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States	47	✓	
<b>Residence</b>	1939	Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States	48	✓	
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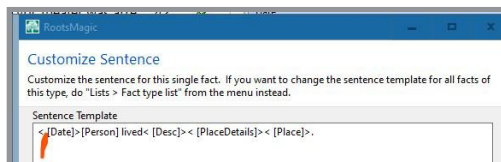
Clicking on the 'Customize Sentence' to the right side of the window about the sentence, will open the window where I can change the order of the parts of the sentence.



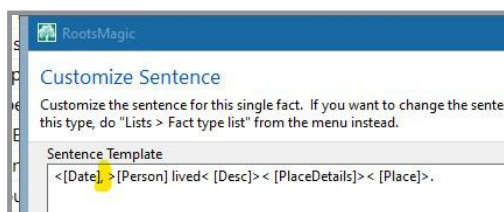
To move the date to the start of the sentence, I simply highlight the < [Date]> portion of the sentence, being sure to get the greater than and lesser than signs that surround the Date. I then cut the Date and move my cursor to the start of the sentence where I paste it.



Now, I have to do a little bit of editing. Firstly, the space between the < and the [ before the word Date needs deleting. Otherwise the sentence will have a leading space.

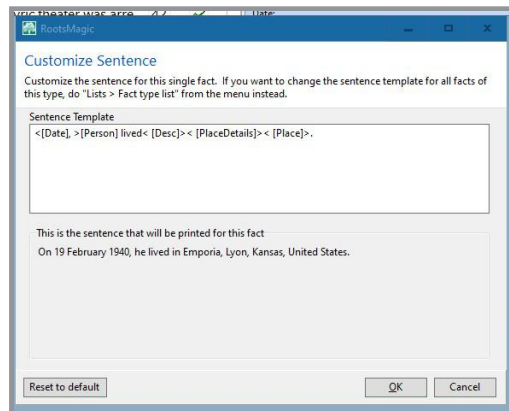


I also tend to add a comma (and a space) after the date. I place the comma and space to the left of the > so that they will only print if there is date information.





The bottom half of the 'Customize Sentence' window will show the sentence as it will appear. If you don't like your change hit the CANCEL button instead of the OK button.



Creating these narrative reports allow me (or I should say, require me) to go back thru the data I have on the individual and check it for accuracy. I then also check the sources attached to each fact to make sure that my source citation would allow someone else to locate the source.

# Throwback Thursday

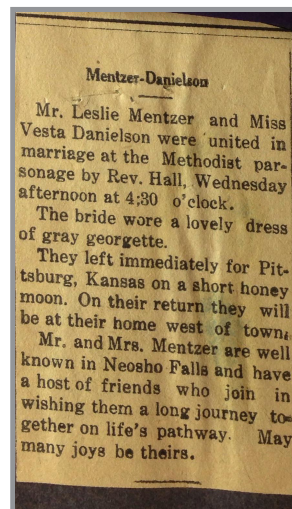
Thursday, August 05, 2021

Leslie George Mentzer

My great-uncle



Leslie and Vesta Mentzer



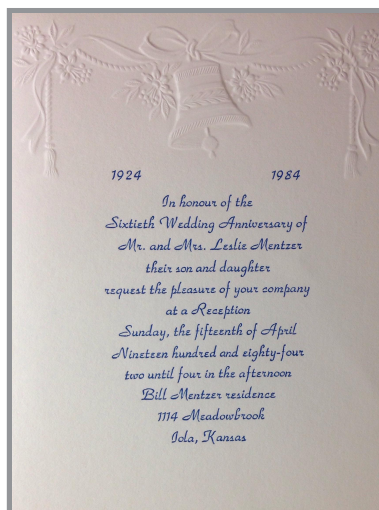
Marriage Announcement



Leslie Mentzer



Leslie and Vesta Mentzer



60th Wedding Anniversary



Leslie Mentzer



Back row: Roberta and Letha / Front Row: Leslie Mentzer and Pauline Mentzer Briles

# Panic

Friday, August 06, 2021

( Note: This was written on Thursday, August 5th – the morning after my panic.)

Do you ever read about some software update or change on an Internet site and think I need to do something NOW? Having been a building technology coordinator for over 20 years, implementing software updates sometimes required an immediate reaction. Thus, when I hear about a bug fix or a major change in an often used website, I tend to respond immediately.

On Wednesday of this week, there was a blog post written about a change in Ancestry's terms and agreements. The post, One Big Change at Ancestry, by Judy Russell captured my attention. And I reacted – or looking back I panicked.

My thoughts were along the lines of

*Ancestry is going to sell my pictures. I don't want Ancestry to sell my pictures.*

So, I started looking at how to take down my pictures. I don't know why I was so concerned. I have had a genealogy website for years. And my genealogy work, including images, has been out there for others to see and use. I would guess that some of the family photos have been so widely spread that even though I have the originals in my possession, I probably can't claim ownership. Because I shared them freely, they now belong to the greater family.

But, I panicked.

And I had over 670 screens of images in my media gallery on Ancestry. With 24 images on a screen, that is over 16,080 images.. Many of those images are of census records and other Ancestry sources. Buried in that multitude of images are the family photos. So in my panic, I started scrolling thru and deleting the photos and stories.

Knowing that there was no way I was going to be able to go thru 670 screens of images, I started looking for the 'easy' button to remove those images. And the only 'easy' way to delete the images is to take down the tree and put up a new one without the images.

Now, I knew I didn't want to mess with my tree. I knew I didn't want to mess with my tree!

- My tree is linked to 4 DNA tests and I didn't want to loose those links
- My tree is linked to my RootsMagic file via TreeShare
- I knew that a new tree on Ancestry is virtually invisible to other users until it is indexed. Indexing trees does not happen very often.
- I like getting the light bulb hints in RootsMagic that are only possible because my RootsMagic file is linked to my Ancestry tree.

I knew all of this and I still panicked.

- I uploaded a new gedcom file without images to Ancestry.
- I connected that new file to my DNA kits.
- I tried to delete my original tree. Fortunately, Ancestry's slow response saved me!
- I even disconnected my RootsMagic file from Ancestry.

Then, I realized that those light bulb hints in RootsMagic were gone. And, what I thought at the time, the only way to get those light bulb hints back was to create a new tree by using RootsMagic to upload my file to Ancestry.

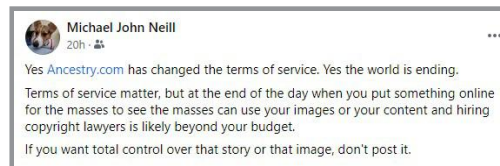
I didn't like my options. And I totally regretted my panic!

Then, out of curiosity, I wondered whether I could restore a backup to my RootsMagic file and restore the RootsMagic connection to my original tree. So I dug in my folder for backups to RootsMagic 7 for the most recent file and restored it.

AND the light bulbs were back!

Since I am in the habit of backing up RootsMagic several times a day – with unique file names, I didn't lose much. This is especially true since I have been spending most of my time in the preview version of RM8. Restoring the backup file undid most of my panicked reaction. I was even able to restore my RM8 file and get it connected to my Ancestry tree.

There were a couple of voices of reason out there that I did not read until after my panic. The first one I read was a Facebook post from Michael John Neill.



The second voice of reason was from Randy Seaver. His post, Ancestry.com and Your Ancestry Member Tree, provides a good perspective on the issue.

As I was deleting images last night, I found that I had the exact same image of an individual in my media gallery multiple times. It made me wonder whether deleting the images would help Ancestry reduce their server load.

Hopefully, I have learned my lesson from this panic. Hopefully, the next time, I will sit on an issue for 24 hours before proceeding.

I am VERY thankful that I had recent backup files for both RootsMagic 7 and RootsMagic 8.

I am VERY thankful that my backup file restored my link between RootsMagic and Ancestry!

# Leslie Mentzer

Saturday, August 07, 2021



**Leslie George Mentzer** was born on 23 Aug 1898 in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 1–4

He was the child of Charles Oliver Mentzer and Nettie Adell Wells. 3

George L Mentzer was listed in the household of Charles Mentzer as a 2 year old male born Aug 1898 in KS on the 1900 census living in North Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 5

Lester Mentzer was listed as a 6 year old male who was born in Kansas in the household of C. O. Mentzer living in Neosho Falls, Woodson County, Kansas. 6

Leslie G. Mentzer was listed in the household of Charles O. Mentzer as an 11 year old male who was born in Kansas on the 1910 census living in Liberty Township, Coffey, Kansas, United States. 7

In Jan 1915, he was educated by Robt Throckmorton at Rose Mound School (District No. 9) in Coffey, Kansas, United States. 8– 9

Leslie Mentzer was listed in the household of C. O. Mentzer as a 16 year old male who was born in Kansas on the 1915 Kansas census living in Neosho Township, Coffey County, Kansas. 10

Leslie registered for the military draft on 12 Sep 1918 in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 11

Leslie Mentzer was listed in the household of Charles O. Mentzer as a 20 year old male who was born in Kansas on the 1920 census living in Everett Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 12

L G Mentzer was listed as a 26 year old male farmer who was born in Kansas on the



1925 Kansas census living in Everett Township, Woodson County, Kansas. Also listed in the household was his wife, V. M. Mentzer. 13

On on 10 Jul 1926, he attended the Wells family reunion in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 14

Leslie G. Mentzer was listed as a 31 year old male farmer who was born in Kansas on the 1930 census living in Geneva Township, Allen County, Kansas. Also listed in the household was his wife, Vesta and his 5 year old daughter, Lila. 15

He lived in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States in Feb 1939. 16

Leslie purchased land being the NW 1/4 of Section 2 Township 24 of Range 17 to Arthur Van Loon, et. al. by trustee deed in May 1939 in Allen, Kansas, United States. 17– 18

Leslie G. Mentzer was listed as a 41 year old male farmer who was born in Kansas living in Allen County, Kansas on the 1940 census. Also listed in the household is his wife, Vesta, a 15 year old daughter, Lila and a 9 year old son, William. 19

He registered for the military draft on 16 Feb 1942 in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 20

He celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary on 17 Apr 1949 in Iola, Allen, Kansas, United States. 21

In Feb 1952, Leslie spent several days with his daughter who is seriously ill in Kansas City, Wyandotte, Kansas, United States. 22

He attended the funeral of Philip Embry Mentzer on 19 Jul 1952 in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 23– 24

He is a very proud owners of a T.V. set in 1954. 25

Leslie lived in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States in Aug 1955. 26

He lived in Geneva Township, Allen, Kansas, United States in 1959. 27

He lived in Geneva, Allen, Kansas in 1960. 28

Leslie was active in the Neosho Falls Methodist Church. 3

On on 21 Jul 1974, he attended Briles Family Reunion in Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States. 29

He lived in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States in 1976. 30

Leslie lived in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States in Mar 1977. 31

He attended the funeral of Herbert Wells Mentzer on 28 Mar 1977 in Coffey, Kansas, United States. 32– 34

He sold land being an interest in the NW 1/4 Section 2 Township 24 of Range 17 to Lila

and Victor Bogacz and Bill and Marjorie Mentzer on 21 Dec 1984 in Allen, Kansas, United States. 17, 35

Leslie sold land being an interest in the NW 1/4 Section 2 Township 24 of Range 17 to Lila and Victor Bogacz and Bill and Marjorie Mentzer on 2 Jan 1985 in Allen, Kansas, United States. 17, 36

He died on 19 Apr 1988 at the age of 89 at Countryside Estates in Iola, Allen, Kansas, United States. 1, 3, 37– 39

The funeral of he was held at 1:30 p.m. at the Neosho Falls United Methodist Church and was officiated by Rev. Gerald Pringle on 21 Apr 1988 in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 3

Leslie was buried on 21 Apr 1988 at Cedarvale Cemetery in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 1, 3

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# Front Page News

Sunday, August 08, 2021

#SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

This week's Saturday Night Genealogy Fun writing prompt is to find the front page headlines for one's birthdate from a local newspaper.

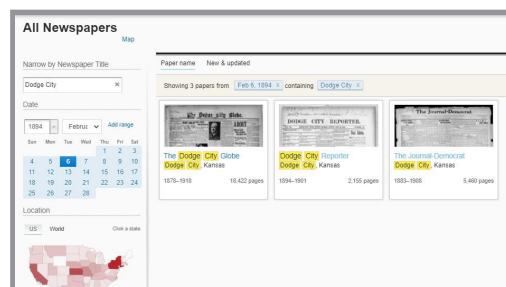
Instead of doing this for myself, I am going to do it for my grandparents since their birthdates are public information.

As I am working on this project, I am very thankful for my Kansas roots. From its early history, the Kansas Historical Society has preserved many of the local newspapers. Many of those same newspapers have been digitized by the historical society or local library.

Thus, locating this information is relatively easy. For this project, I'm using Newspapers.com. Since I'm working with my grandparents, I'm looking for the following:

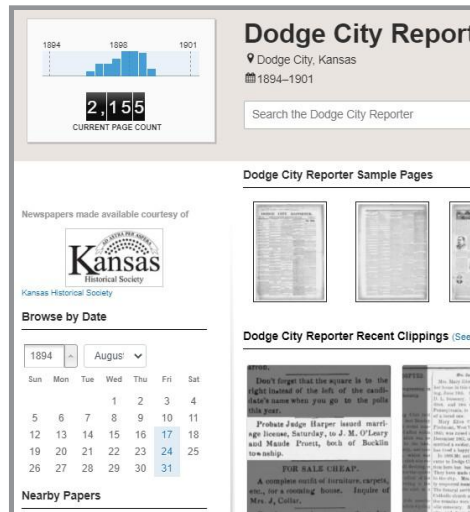
- 6 Feb 1894 in Newton where my grandfather was born or Dodge City where the family lived most of his life (Harvey and Ford Counties)
- 30 Jun 1903 in Lansing or Leavenworth (Leavenworth County)
- 21 Jun 1891 in Burlington or LeRoy (Coffey County)
- 28 Mar 1896 in Yates Center or Neosho Falls (Woodson County)

Instead of searching Newspapers.com, I'm going to use the 'Papers' menu to search for newspapers printed on the date in my desired location. Thus, I'm going to put the town in the 'Narrow by Newspaper Title' search box and the date in the 'Enter a Date or Range' search box. When I click on the UPDATE button, Newspapers.com shows the papers available for that location with a date range that includes my desired date.



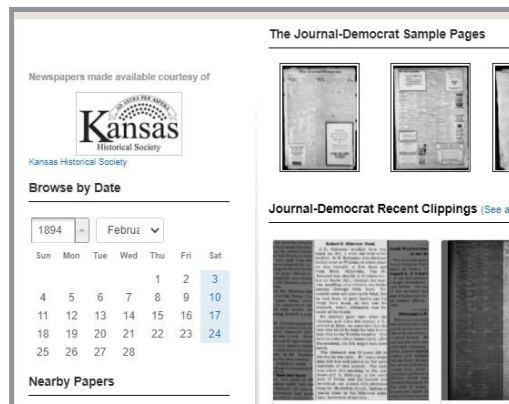
Since I have used these papers in the past, I know that there are also papers with the county name and not the city name. Thus, I can repeat the search for the county.

I opened each of the potential papers in a new tab. Even though I entered the exact date, the search only used the year. Thus, it is possible to have a newspaper in the results that does include newspapers published in the year – but not in the month I need.



Paper begins August 1894 – thus it does not contain Feb 1894

Since many of these papers were weekly papers, I likely won't find a local paper for the exact day my grandparent was born.



Weekly Paper

Thus, I'm going to work with the first paper found in the family's community that was printed after the birth of my grandparent.

Leon Crawford – 6 Feb 1894

- "Closing Out Sale at the New York Store" 1/4 page ad at top of first page with W. J. Fitzgerald identified as the receiver. The name of the store is NOT given, nor is any address included in the ad. Dodge City Democrat, February 10, 1894
- "Washington Gossip" Dodge City Democrat, February 10, 1894
- "They Want Revenge" Dodge City Democrat, February 10, 1894
- "Real Estate Moving: Houston, Texas, Rapidly Coming to the Front – The Real estate Market Active," The Newton Semi-Weekly Journal (Newton, Kansas), 9 Feb 1894
- "Elections Law: The Senate Passes the House Bill Unchanged," The Newton Semi-Weekly Journal (Newton, Kansas), 9 Feb 1894



- "Snider Acts: Threatens Orrin T. Welch with Imprisonment" The Newton Semi-Weekly Journal (Newton, Kansas), 9 Feb 1894.
  - "Bland's Bill: It Is Taken Up by the House after Much Difficulty," Newton Daily Republican (Newton, Kansas), 9 Feb 1894.
  - "U. P. Employees: Judge Riner of the United States Court Offers a Suggestion," Newton Daily Republican (Newton, Kansas), 9 Feb. 1894.
  - "A Diabolical Deed: Bandits Wreck a Train Near Houston," Newton Daily Republican (Newton, Kansas), 9 Feb 1894.
  - "Chicago's Fish Supply," Newton Daily Republican (Newton, Kansas), 9 Feb 1894.
- Winnie Currey – 30 Jun 1903

- "Additional Locals," The Lansing News (Lansing, Kansas), 3 Jul 1903.
  - "King-Campbell Wedding," The Lansing News (Lansing, Kansas) 3 Jul 1903.
  - "Prison News," The Lansing News (Lansing, Kansas), 3 Jul 1903.
  - "Iowa Republican Convention Opens," The Evening Standard (Leavenworth, Kansas), 1 Jul 1903.
  - "Hans' Wyrick Badly Injured," The Evening Standard (Leavenworth, Kansas), 1 Jul 1903.
  - "Julius Sawacski Is Dismissed by Court: The Wrong Allegation Had Been Made," The Evening Standard (Leavenworth, Kansas), 1 Jul 1903.
  - "N'Nutt and Meeker Trials Tomorrow," The Evening Standard (Leavenworth, Kansas), 1 Jul 1903.
  - "Last of the Dewey Testimony Yesterday," The Leavenworth Times (Leavenworth, Kansas), 1 Jul 1903.
  - Eddie Hanlon and Benny Yanger Draw: Was a Fierce Fight from the Start," The Leavenworth Times (Leavenworth, Kansas), 1 Jul 1903.
  - "Many Miners Buried in a Mine Explosion: Over Two Hundred Lives Were Lost," The Leavenworth Times (Leavenworth, Kansas), 1 Jul 1903.
- Edward Osmond Briles – 21 Jun 1891

- "Stop and Read: What the New Store Has to Say," (1/4 page ad) The Courier (Burlington, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
- "Over the County: A Large Grist of News from our Rustling Correspondents," The Courier (Burlington, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
- "News of the Week: Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail," Burlington Independent (Burlington, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
- "Kansas State News," Burlington Independent (Burlington, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
- "The War in Chili," Burlington Independent (Burlington, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
- "McDonald Dead," Burlington Independent (Burlington, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
- "Spring Weather Calls for Spring Footwear: Chas, Kahnt & Co., (advertisement)," Burlington Republican (Burlington, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891
- Buy Grain: Woodford Brothers, (advertisement)," Burlington Republican (Burlington, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
- "To Young Men: Able Appeal to Young Men by Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage," Burlington Republican (Burlington, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
- "Shot Down: Col. S. N. Wood Killed in a Court Room," Burlington Republican (Burlington, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
- "McDonald Dead," Burlington Republican (Burlington, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
- "Furious Storms: Damage Caused by Storms in Various Parts of the County," Burlington Republican (Burlington, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
- "Kansas State News," Burlington Republican (Burlington, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
- "News of the Week: Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail," Le Roy Reporter (Le Roy,



Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.

- "Kansas State News," Le Roy Reporter (Le Roy, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
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- "McDonald Dead," Le Roy Reporter (Le Roy, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
- "Silver Advocates," Le Roy Reporter (Le Roy, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.
- "A Young Deluge," Le Roy Reporter (Le Roy, Kansas), 26 Jun 1891.

Pauline Mentzer – 28 Mar 1896

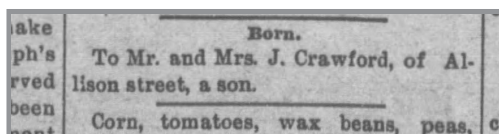
- "Notice: About two more weeks remains to close out my stock (large ad by Sam Bukofzer)," Woodson County Advocate (Yates Center, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.
- "Spring Arrivals: Stockebrand & Stockebrand (large ad)," Woodson County Advocate (Yates Center, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.
- "Subsoiling in Greenwood County," Woodson County Advocate (Yates Center, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.
- "Botkin's Case," Woodson County Advocate (Yates Center, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.
- "One Farmer's Pluck," Woodson County Advocate (Yates Center, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.
- "Sunday School Convention," Woodson County Advocate (Yates Center, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.
- 1/2 page of advertising, Yates Center News (Yates Center, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.
- "Editorial Notes," Yates Center News (Yates Center, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.
- "A Mortgage Ruling," Yates Center News (Yates Center, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.
- "Heart of the World, by H. Rider Haggard," The Neosho Falls Post (Neosho Falls, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.
- "Annual Assignments: Southwest Kansas M. E. Conference Stations the Preachers for Next Year," The Neosho Falls Post (Neosho Falls, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.
- "Our Currency: Secretary Smith and ex-speaker Crips Meet in Debate," The Neosho Falls Post (Neosho Falls, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.
- "Congress," The Neosho Falls Post (Neosho Falls, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.
- "Mail Subsidies: A Sharp Debate Occurs Over Extending System," The Neosho Falls Post (Neosho Falls, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.
- "Kansas State News," The Neosho Falls Post (Neosho Falls, Kansas), 3 Apr 1896.

Even with this abundance of local newspapers, a search of Newspapers.com for birth announcements only turns up one such announcement.

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Crawford of Allison street, a son.

"Born," Newton Daily Republican (Newton, Kansas) 9 Feb 1894



Even though looking at the front pages of these papers was informative, I prefer to search the wealth of family information that can be found in these local papers.

# Civil War Veterans

Monday, August 09, 2021

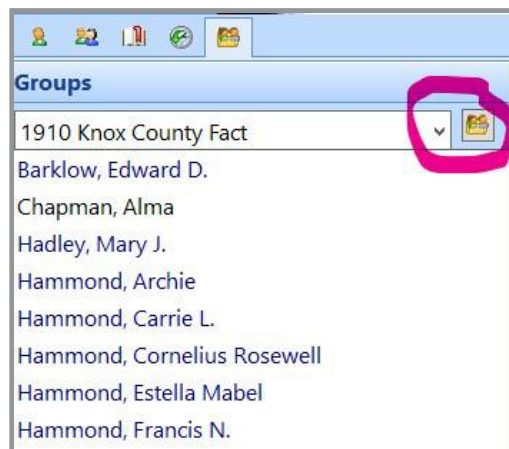
Have you ever wondered which of your relatives served during the civil war? Or have you wondered who served for which side? I can tell you which of my 2nd great grandfathers served, but I don't have information about their siblings or cousins stored in my brain.

Thus, I decided to try and create a list of everyone for whom I have a military service fact during the civil war using my genealogy software program, RootsMagic 7.

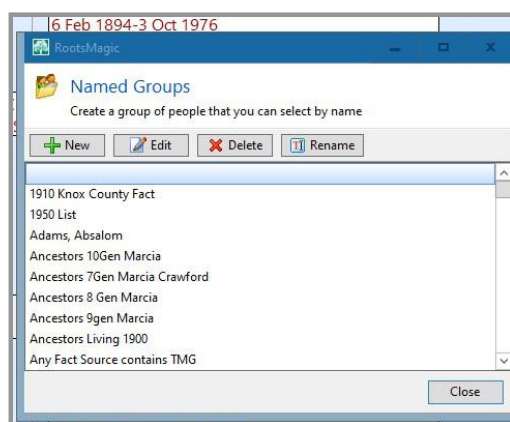
The first step to creating this list is to create a marked group. To do that, I click on the icon above the index of people that (at least to me) looks like a folder with people poking out.



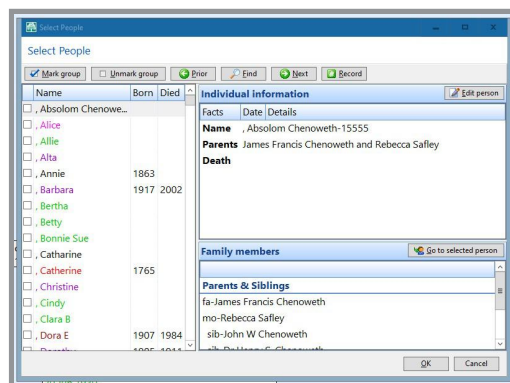
Clicking on that icon changes the screen from a list of people (Index) to a list of Groups. The top of this list contains a pull down box that allows me to select the group. Once a group is selected, the members of the group are displayed. To the right of the drop down menu is the group icon.



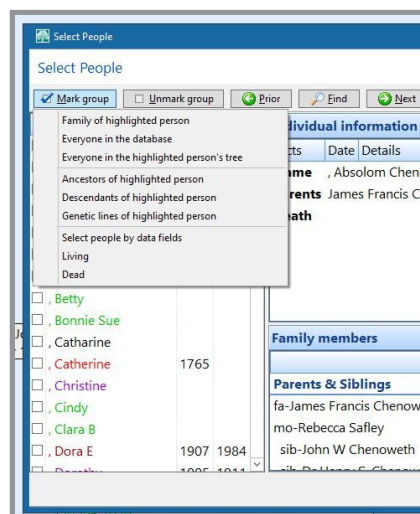
Clicking on this icon to the right of the drop down menu opens up the 'Named Group' window. This window has buttons to manage the groups, including the 'New' button.



Clicking the 'New' button on the NAMED GROUPS window opens the SELECT PEOPLE window. I can manually go thru and select people to create a group. However, most of the time, I'm not certain whom to put in a group and rely on the computer to search for people to add to a group. To do this, I click on the MARK GROUP button.

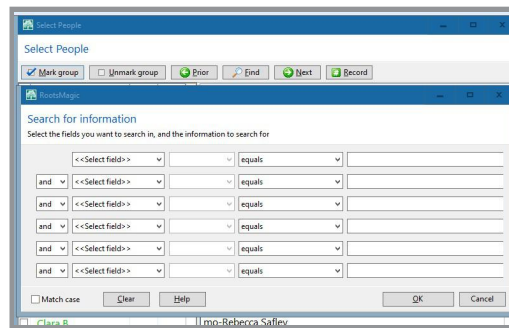


When I click on MARK GROUP a menu appears.

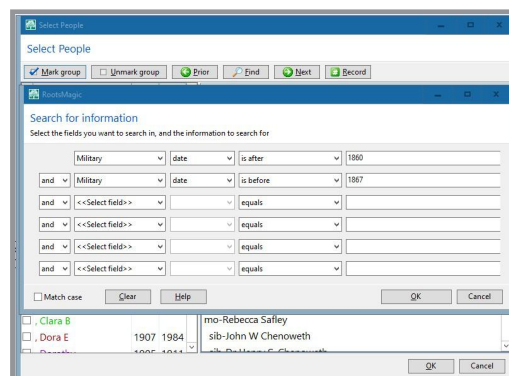


For this project, I want to use the "Select people by data fields" option. Clicking on that

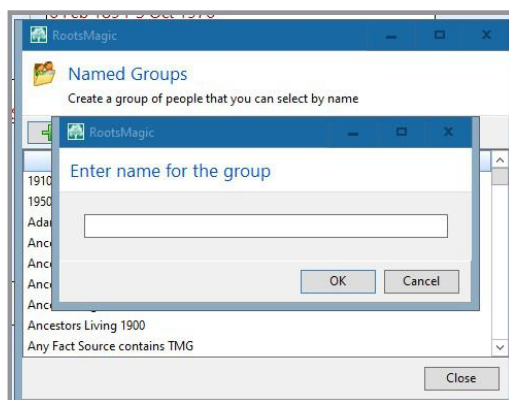
option opens a window where I can search for information.



This is where I have to think like the computer program and build my statements to pull out the people I want. Since this project involves locating individuals who served during the civil war, I'm going to use the MILITARY fact DATE to build my search criteria.



When I clicked OK, RootsMagic searched my database and found 76 people which it marked. Clicking OK on the SELECT PEOPLE window opens a window to ENTER NAME FOR THE GROUP.



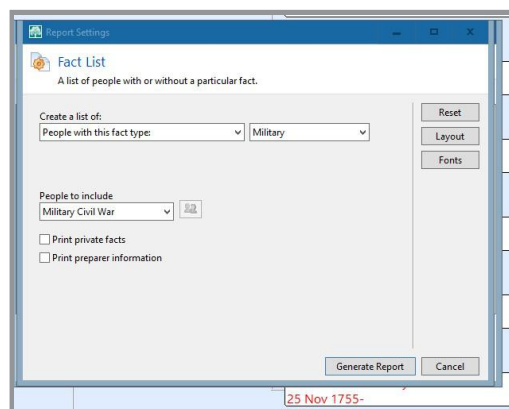
Now, I can switch to that group and browse thru the list of members.



Now that I have marked those with a military fact between 1860 and 1867, I can print a report. The 'Individual List' report allows me to print a list of these people and include their spouses.



However, that report isn't very informative. Using the 'Fact List' report, I can print a list of these individuals along with their military facts. To create this report, I have to indicate that I want a list of people with a military fact. Then I want to narrow the list down to just those people in the 'Military Civil War' group.



This creates a report showing their name and each of their military facts. The date and description/place associated with the military fact is displayed.

Military List			23 July 2021
Name	Date	Description/Place	
Barrett, William	abt 1844		
	20 Jan 1846	New Albany, Floyd, Indiana, United States	
	9 Feb 1847	Matamoros, Mexico	
	bet 1861 and 1865	Iowa, United States	
	1864	Plymouth (historical), Plymouth, Iowa, United States	
	14 Oct 1864	Fort Dodge, Webster, Iowa, United States	
Betzer, Anthony R.	14 Aug 1862		
	3 Sep 1862		
	14 May 1863		
	19 Sep 1864		
	15 Feb 1865		
	28 Jan 1865	Washington, D. C.	
Briggs, Eliza Vance	bet 7 Jul 1863 and 6 Jul 1865		
Briles, Alexander	1864	Kansas, United States	
Briles, Branson	1864	Kansas, United States	
Briles, John F.	1864	Kansas, United States	
Briles, Nathan	Sep 1860	Shawnee, Kansas, United States	
	2 Oct 1863	Kansas, United States; Company H, 13th Cavalry	
	22 May 1865		
Briles, Noah Washington	13 Jun 1861	Ottumwa, Wapello, Iowa, United States; Company I, 1st Regiment, Iowa Cavalry Volunteers	
		as a private in Company I, 1st Regiment, Iowa Cavalry Volunteers	
	1 Jan 1864	re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer in Company I of the First Iowa Cavalry	
Burke, William Carrol	15 Feb 1866	Austin, Travis, Texas, United States	
		Tennessee, United States; as a private in the 4th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry	
	31 Dec 1862	Murfreesboro, Rutherford, Tennessee, United States; a severe arm injury by serving the the Confederate Army	
Crandall, Hampton Littlebridge	1 Jan 1863		
	31 Jan 1865	Omaha, Douglas, Nebraska, United States	
Crandall, Horace Stanley	20 Feb 1864		
Crandall, John Nafar	20 Feb 1864		

Not only do I have a list of those who served during the civil war, I can see that I have some 'clean-up' to do with these facts. For example, I often customized the sentence to use the words enlisted or discharged.

This customization does not appear on the fact list report. Thus, my report isn't very informative. To improve my ability to pull this information, I need to put this information in the description field and then use the description in the sentence.

By doing that, I get a more detailed sentence.

Description: enlisted in Company I, 1st Regiment, Iowa Cavalry Volunteers

Proof: ☒ Primary Sort date: 13 Jun 1861

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Military Details

Note No Military note

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Sentence Customize sentence

Noah Washington Briles enlisted in Company I, 1st Regiment, Iowa Cavalry Volunteers on 13 Jun 1861 in Ottumwa, Wapello, Iowa, United States.

This small change also impacts the Fact List report. I now have the word enlisted appearing on the report.

Briles, Noah Washington	13 Jun 1861	Ottumwa, Wapello, Iowa, United States; enlisted in Company I, 1st Regiment, Iowa Cavalry Volunteers
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Now, I just need to work my way thru the individuals in my marked group to make sure their military facts include details in the description.



# Civil War Report

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Below is a list of the individuals in my RootsMagic file that have a military fact between 1861 and 1865. This report was created using a marked group and the Facts List report found in RootsMagic 7.

Name Date Description/Place Barrett, William abt 1844 20 Jun 1846 New Albany, Floyd, Indiana, United States 9 Feb 1847 Matamoras, Mexico bet 1861 and 1865 Iowa, United States; as a member of Co. I 156h Iowa Infantry 1864 Plymouth (historical), Plymouth, Iowa, United States 14 Oct 1864 Fort Dodge, Webster, Iowa, United States Betzer, Anthony R. 14 Aug 1862 in Company F Iowa 24th Infantry 3 Sep 1862 was mustered in 14 May 1863 was wounded at Champion Hills MS 19 Sep 1864 severely wounded at Winchester, VA 15 Feb 1865 transferred to V. R. C. 28 Jun 1865 Washington, D. C.; mustered out Briggs, Elisha Vance bet 7 Jul 1863 and 6 Jul 1865 in Co. F 72nd Indiana Briles, Alexander 1864 Kansas, United States; under Captain John Douglas in Company I of the Kansas State Militia Briles, Branson 1864 Kansas, United States; under Captain John Douglass in Company I of the Kansas Militia Briles, John F. 1864 Kansas, United States; under Captain John Douglass in Company I of the Kansas Militia Briles, Nathan Sep 1863 Shawnee, Kansas, United States; in Company H of the 15th Kansas Calvary 2 Oct 1863 Kansas, United States; mustered into Company H, 15th Cavalry 22 May 1865 mustered out Briles, Noah Washington 13 Jun 1861 Ottumwa, Wapello, Iowa, United States; enlisted in Company I, 1st Regiment, Iowa Cavalry Volunteers as a private in Company I, 1st Regiment, Iowa Cavalry Volunteers 1 Jan 1864 re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer in Company I of the First Iowa Cavalry 15 Feb 1866 Austin, Travis, Texas, United States; mustered out Burke, William Carrol Tennessee, United States; as a private in the 4th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry 31 Dec 1862 Murfreesboro, Rutherford, Tennessee, United States; suffered a severe arm injury by serving the the Confederate Army Crandall, Hampton Lillibridge 1 Jan 1863 by enlisting in the Iowa 7th Cavalry 31 Jan 1865 Omaha, Douglas, Nebraska, United States; mustered out Crandall, Horace Stanley 20 Feb 1864 as a private in Co. I 1st Iowa Cavalry. He was furloughed out sick. According to his muster out information, he died of disease. Crandall, John Nafus 20 Feb 1864 enlisted in Company G of the 3rd Iowa Cavalry 9 Aug 1865 Atlanta, Fulton, Georgia, United States Crawford, Daniel 13 Sep 1862 enlisted in Company A 36th Iowa Infantry 27 Mar 1865 Keokuk, Iowa, United States; disrached Crawford, James H. bet 1861 and 1865 Co. F 72nd Regiment Indiana Infantry as scout and assistant wagon master 18 Oct 1883 Leavenworth, Leavenworth, Kansas, United States; attended soldiers reunion Crawford, James Samuel abt 1861 in Company E 86th Regiment Indiana Volunteers during the civil war. He died of measles after being captured at Stone River Dec 31, 1862. He was last seen at West Point, Georgia, January 5, 1863. Crawford, John Maxwell 9 Aug 1862 St. Francois, Missouri Territory; enlisted as a Corporal in Company C 33rd Missouri Infantry Crawford, Stanford Riley 26 Oct 1861 Arkansas, United States; as a private in Company D of the 1st (Stirman's) Battalion, Arkansas Cavalry of the Confederate Troops Crawford, Washington Marion 3 Aug 1861 began military service as a Sergt in Co. H 2nd Regiment New York Cavalry Volunteers 27 Aug 1861 The 2nd New York Cavalry was better known as the "Harris Light Horse" 30 Jun 1863 last paid for military service 22 Sep 1863 Liberty Mills, Orange, Virginia, United States; was captured bet Sep 1863 and Mar 1864 Belle Isle, Lancaster County, Virginia; was imprisoned bet Mar 1864 and Nov 1864 Andersonville Prison, Macon County, Georgia; was imprisoned Nov 1864 Charlesteon, South Carolina; imprisoned 7 Dec 1864 Florence, Florence, South Carolina, United States; paroled 8 Apr 1865 New York, New

York, United States; was mustered out as a Sergeant 25 Feb 1870 Chambersburg; was granted a 'Certificate to Disability of Soldier' Crawford, William Marion abt 1861 Warren, Indiana, United States; in Co. E 86th Regiment Indiana Volunteers. He died at Camp Dennison in Ohio. Currey, George Byron 27 Feb 1856 Oregon, United States; began military service as a 2nd Lieutenant in Co. D, 2nd Regiment for 90 days on Captain William's Muster Roll 26 May 1856 Oregon, United States 1857 Oregon, United States; during the Indian War under Captain Williams abt 1861 Wasco, Oregon, United States; raised Company E 12 Nov 1861 Oregon, United States; enlisted in First Oregon Infantry as 1st Lieutenant 20 Mar 1862 promoted to Captain of 1st Oregon Cavalry 22 Mar 1865 promoted to Lt. Colonel of 1st Oregon Cavalry 24 Mar 1865 promoted to Colonel of regiment Jul 1865 placed in command of the department of the Columbia, which embraced all of the troops in the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho 14 Jul 1865 appointed commander of California sub-District of Oregon 20 Nov 1865 26 Jun 1866 made Commander of the Department of the Columbia Currey, Hiram M. 8 Oct 1864 Atchison, Atchison, Kansas, United States; to Company B of the 12th Cavalry Regiment of the Kansas State Militia under Captain Samuel Hollister 27 Oct 1864 discharged Curry, James Barnes bet 1861 and 1865 bet 1861 and 1865 Missouri, United States 29 Mar 1862 Saint Joseph, Buchanan, Missouri, United States 31 May 1863 Sedalia, Pettis, Missouri, United States Curry, James Leander 26 Dec 1861 Oregon, United States; in Company E of the 1st Cavalry along with Lt. Hobart commanded Oregon Cavalry as it cleared a road to Canyon City and thence to Ft. Boise Curry, William L. 24 Apr 1861 Ohio, Kentucky, United States; for a term of three months 1 Sep 1861 as a private in Company K, first Ohio Volunteer Cavalry and upon the organization of the company was appointed first sergeant 16 Jun 1862 promoted to second lieutenant 25 Jul 1862 Courtland, Alabama; captured Feb 1863 remained a prisoner until 3 Mar 1863 first lieutenant 4 Jan 1864 Pulaski, Giles, Tennessee, United States; reenlisted 14 Dec 1864 promoted to captain 30 Dec 1864 Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee, United States Duggins, John F. 30 Oct 1861 enlisted for service in the Union army in Company C, Seventy-fifth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Harris 2 May 1863 was taken prisoner at Chancellorsville and held for six weeks before being exchanged May 1864 captured near Lake George, Florida bet 19 May 1864 and 26 Nov 1864 in prison 13 Jan 1865 Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, United States; discharged Foster, James Coke 3 Jun 1853 commissioned as captain of Company A, Fifty-ninth regiment of colored troops 17 Oct 1861 a private in Company F, Fifty-third Ohio Infantry 1 Jan 1862 promoted to second lieutenant Sep 1862 transferred to Company I 18 Jun 1864 commissioned as major 31 Jan 1866 discharged Foster, Samuel Douglas bet 1861 and 1865 as a major Foster, William F. 24 May 1864 29 Sep 1864 Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana, United States; discharged from the military having served as a private in Company K of the 135th Indiana Infantry Gilmore, Joseph bet 1861 and 1862 in Company I of the 27th Indiana volunteers. He died from wounds received at Gettysburg. Guthrie, Samuel Wilson bet 1861 and 1865 Hammond, George M. 15 Jul 1861 enlisted in the 5th Infantry Iowa Regiment 30 Jul 1864 Chattanooga, Hamilton, Tennessee, United States; mustered out Hammond, Jehiel P. 1861–1865 Company B 72nd Illinois Infantry Hammond, Richmond Fisk 25 May 1861 Galesburg, Knox, Illinois, United States; enlisted as a private in Company E 17 Ills Vols 21 Aug 1861 Missouri, United States; honorably discharged 1 Mar 1862 reenlisted in the 1st Illinois Cavalry Volunteers 14 Jul 1862 St. Louis (city), Missouri, United States; discharged from the 1st Illinois Cavalry Volunteers 26 Jul 1862 Galesburg, Knox, Illinois, United States; enlisted as a private in Company H of the 102nd Infantry 2 Sep 1862 Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States; deserted 29 Sep 1862 enlisted as a private in Company D of the 14 Illinois Cavalry 1 Mar 1863 was appointed Sergeant in company D 14 Illinois Cavalry 3 Aug 1864 captured near Atlanta, Georgia. Georgia, United States; was held prisoner Charleston, South Carolina; held as a prisoner

Florence, South Carolina; held prisoner May 1865 Benton, Missouri; stationed as part of a detachment of paroled prisoners 12 May 1865 Springfield, Sangamon, Illinois, United States; was mustered out by telegram Harding, Abel 9 Feb 1865 enlisted in Company K Wisconsin 49th Infantry Regiment 8 Nov 1865 St. Louis, Missouri, United States; mustered out of Company K Wisconsin 49th Infantry Hodge, Wm. W. bet 1861 and 1865 in the 128th regiment Indiana Volunteers Hunt, Robert G. 10 Dec 1861 enlisting in Company E 35th Regiment Indiana Volunteers 19 Jun 1862 was discharged because of an injured knee 15 Aug 1863 enlisted in Co. B 7th Regimental Cavalry 18 Feb 1864 was honorably discharged Hutchinson, Albert 30 Sep 1862 Iowa, United States; Albert Hutchinson enlisted as a private in Company D of the 1st Regiment of the Iowa Cavalry Volunteers command by Captain Jinks. 31 Dec 1863 Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas, United States; was mustered out of Company D 1st Regiment of the Iowa Cavalry 1 Jan 1864 Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas, United States; reenlisted 14 Mar 1864 Sumner Township, Buchanan County Iowa; was mustered in as a private in Iowa First Cavalry Company D Jun 1864 had 3rd installment bounty due withheld for being absent without leave from June 18, 1864 to June 30th, 1864 15 Feb 1866 Austin, Travis, Texas, United States; discharged from the military Mentzer, Charles Lewis abt 1863 in the 3rd Massachusetts Cavalry Co D Mentzer, George 25 Sep 1861 Massachusetts, United States; enlisted in Company C Twenty-Fourth Massachusetts Infantry 25 Sep 1864 George Mentzer's term of service ended 6 Jun 1890 applied for a pension based on service in 24th Massachusetts Infantry Mentzer, Japhet 1864 Kansas, United States; under Captain John Douglass in Company I of the Kansas Militia Mentzer, Rufus Jun 1863 listed as subject to military duty Miller, Alen Cope 1861 enlisted in the confederate army abt 1863 was taken prisoner Minnick, John W. Aug 1861 John W. Minnick served as a private in Company A 42nd Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was killed at the battle of Stone River. Minnick, Wilson J. 18 May 1864 enlisted in Company H, Illinois 134th Infantry 25 Oct 1864 Chicago, Cook, Illinois, United States; mustered out of the military Nidey, Reason 5 Sep 1861 Indiana, United States; enlisted in Company E of the 8th Indiana Infantry 26 Oct 1861 Middletown, Indiana; listed as 'deserted' from Company E, 8th Regiment, Indiana Infantry Ralston, James McCormick 1862 in Company I of the 102nd Regiment of the Illinois Infantry Ralston, John Nelson 9 Aug 1862 Oneida, Knox, Illinois, United States; as a private in Company I of the 102nd Regiment Illinois Infantry Reed, Francis Marion from 23 Sep 1864 to 15 Aug 1865 15 Aug 1865 Victoria, Victoria, Texas, United States Reed, John C. from 11 Sep 1863 to 23 Jul 1864 in Company K, 7th Regiment, Indiana Cavalry Ricketts, Andrew Duncan bet 1861 and 1865 veteran of the Union Army Ricketts, Jacob Aug 1864 in Company D, 57th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry 5 Jul 1865 New Orleans, Orleans, Louisiana, United States; discharged Ricketts, James Marshall 18 Aug 1863 Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana, United States; as a private in Co. K 7 Regiment of the Indiana Cavalry Volunteers 17 Sep 1863 mustered into Company K 7th Regiment Indiana Volunteers Cavalry Nov 1863 Memphis, Shelby, Tennessee, United States; was reported absent sick and in hospital bet Dec 1864 and 19 Sep 1865 in Company K 7th Indiana Cavalry 19 Sep 1865 Hempstead, Waller, Texas, United States; discharged from the military Roberts, John Wesley 7 Sep 1862 Lawrenceburg; mustered into Co. E 83 Regt. Indiana Volunteers Rose, Daniel DeVinney abt 1861-1865 Michigan, United States; in the Michigan infantry Ruark, Harrison bet 1861 and 1865 in the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry 45th Regiment Ruggles, Thomas 1864 Kansas, United States; under Captain John Douglass in Company I of the Kansas Militia Sellers, John L. 4 Sep 1862 in Company L of the 45th Regiment of the 3rd Indiana Cavalry Sellers, Joseph Brown abt 1861 in Company I of the 27th Indiana Volunteers 2 May 1864 was wounded in right leg in Battle of Chancellorsville 15 May 1864 was in battle at Resaca (New Hope Church) where he lost his left leg Sellers, Nathan Finley bet 1861 and 1865 in civil war Sheets, Austin 1861 Sioux City, Woodbury, Iowa, United

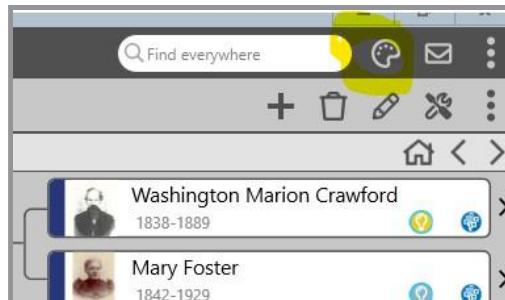
States; as a member of the Frontier Guards Simkins, James Bailey 9 Aug 1862 serving in Company H, 102nd Illinois Infantry 6 Jun 1865 Washington, D. C.; mustered out of the military Smith, George W 1862 enlisted in Company K Thirty-Third Indiana Volunteers Spragg, Fred 13 Aug 1862 in Company C, Iowa 27th Infantry Regiment Stoner, Nelson Crawford 12 May 1864 Fidelity, Jersey, Illinois, United States; Company H of the 133rd Illinois Infantry serving as a corporal 31 May 1864 Butler, Montgomery, Illinois, United States; mustered in 24 Sep 1864 Springfield, Sangamon, Illinois, United States; mustered out Strahan, Samuel Parker 20 Apr 1861 Winchester, Randolph, Indiana, United States; enlisted and later recruited the fifty-fourth Indiana Infantry 8 Dec 1863 was wounded and discharged from the military Aug 1864 re-enlisted Thompson, Daniel G Sep 1862 Company K, Forty-Second Indiana Regiment and was elected Captain Dec 1863 was discharged by reason of ill-health Thompson, Francis Marion 13 Aug 1862 enlisted in Company D 29th Iowa Volunteer Infantry in Company D 29th Iowa Infantry 10 Aug 1865 discharged Thompson, James Allen 13 Aug 1862 as a private in Company D of the 29th Regiment Iowa Infantry Thompson, John E. 22 Apr 1864 in the 29th Iowa Infantry Thompson, John L. 13 Aug 1862 in Company D 29th Iowa Infantry Wells, William O. Aug 1862 Calhoun, Michigan, United States; enlisted in company A of the 25th Michigan Infantry 1865 Wilson, John Wesley 1861 enlisted in the northern army during the Civil War 1864 was honorably discharged Young, Barzilla abt 1861 in the civil war Young, Richard Corwine Ricketts 10 Aug 1861 Iowa, United States; in Company 8 of the Iowa Infantry Young, Thomas Kent 2 Nov 1861 enlisted as a private in Company I, Iowa 13th Infantry Regiment 1 Nov 1864 mustered out of Company I, Iowa 13th Infantry Regiment

# RM8 Fact List Report

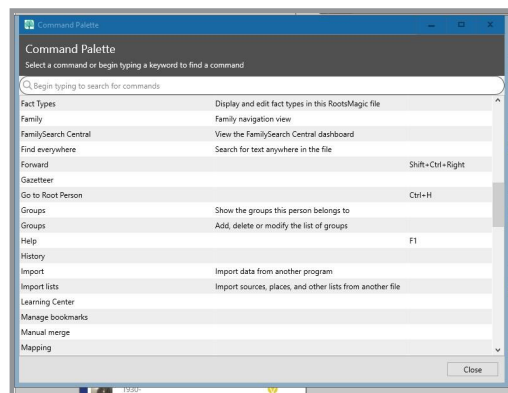
Wednesday, August 11, 2021

I recently wanted a report listing those who have a military fact for the civil war. At the time, I used RootsMagic 7 to create the report. Now, I'm going to try to create the same report with RootsMagic 8.

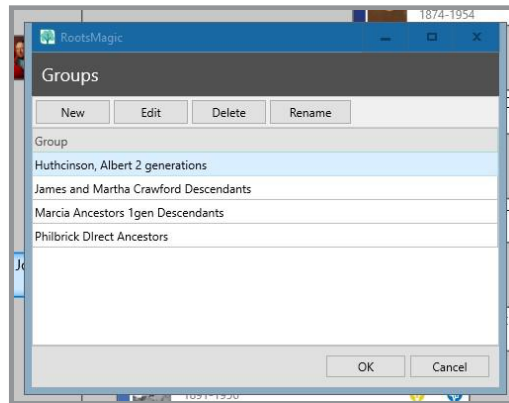
In RM8, access to groups is thru the icon that looks like a paint palette in the upper right corner of the program.



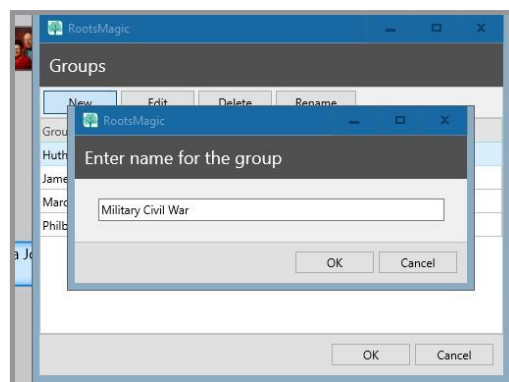
Clicking this icon opens the COMMAND PALETTE. This list is alphabetical in order. Thus, one scrolls down to locate GROUPS.



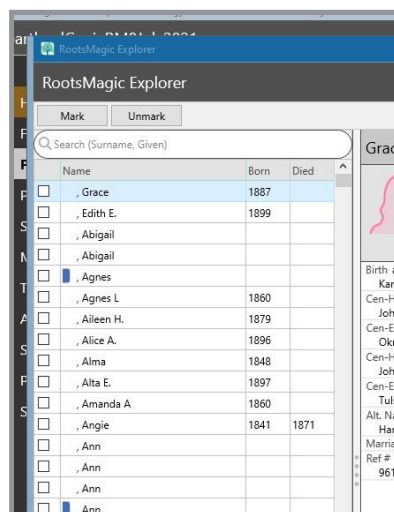
Note that there are TWO commands for GROUPS. One allows editing of the individual' groups while the other allows for the creation, editing or deleting existing groups. It is this second command that needs to be used to create a marked group. Clicking this icon opens the GROUPS window.



Clicking NEW opens the window to name this new group.

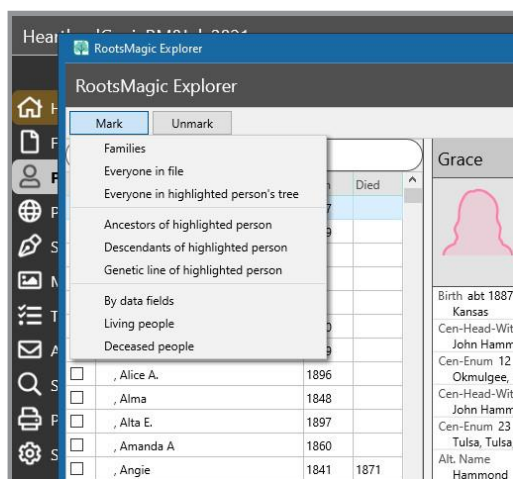


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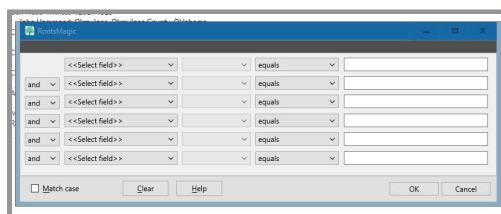


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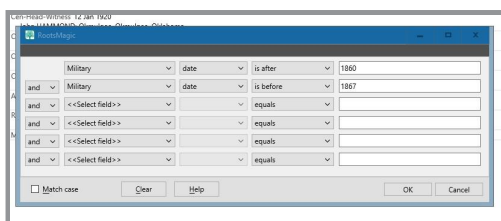




For this project, I want to use the 'Military fact'. Thus, I need to pick BY DATA FIELDS. This opens a window that is very similar to the selection window in RM7.

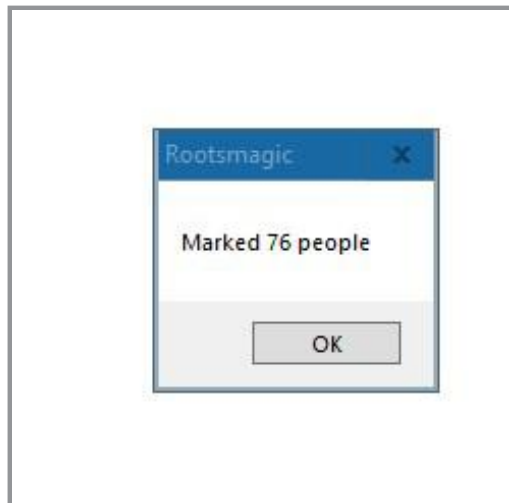


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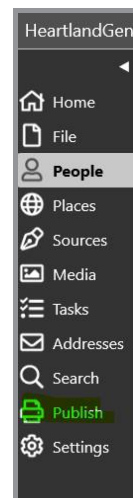
This marked 76 people in RootsMagic8.





***Be sure to Click the SELECT button at the bottom of the Group Window.*** Failure to do this will prevent the selected people from being added to the list!

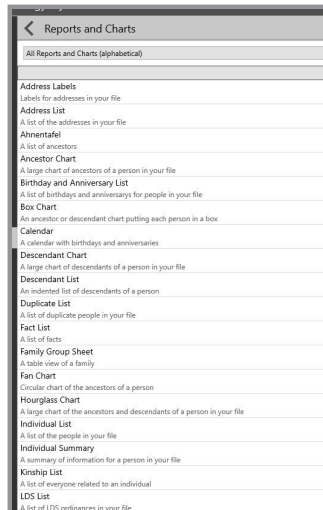
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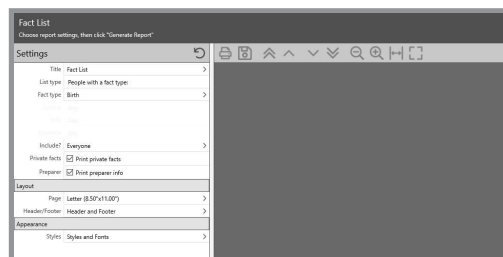
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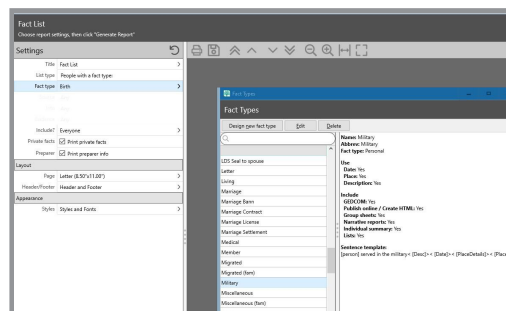
From the report list, click on the FACT LIST report.



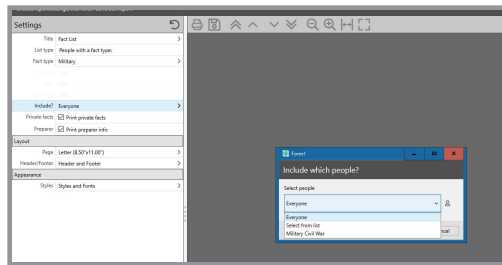
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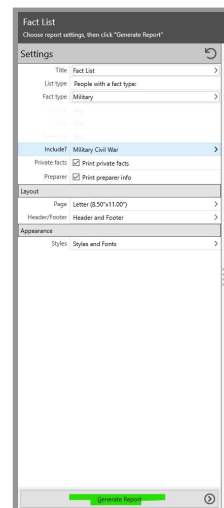
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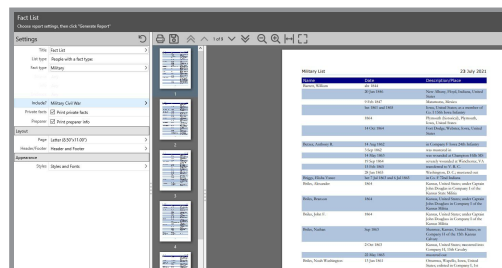
Then the INCLUDE option is changed from Everyone to the marked group – Military Civil War.



Once the settings are configured, then the GENERATE REPORT button at the bottom of the settings window is selected.



The report will appear in the window to the right of the settings column.



# Throwback Thursday

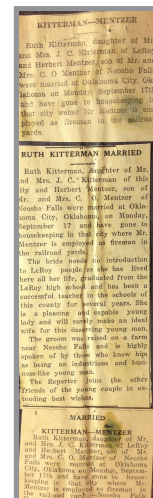
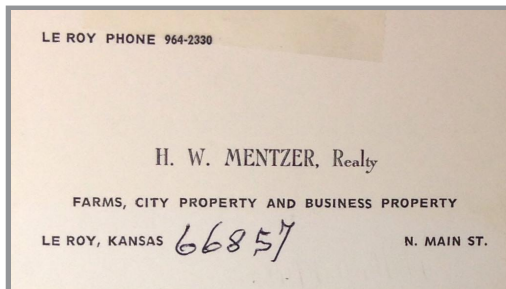
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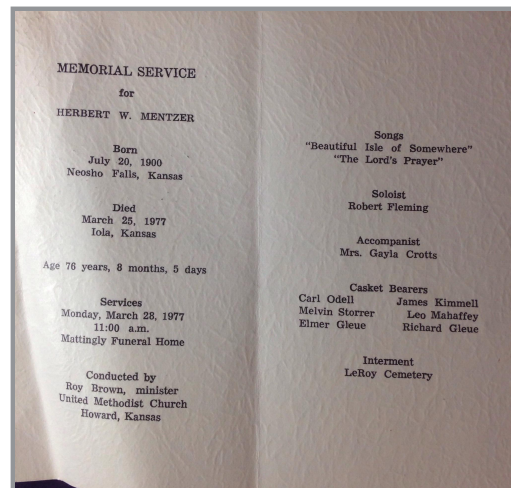
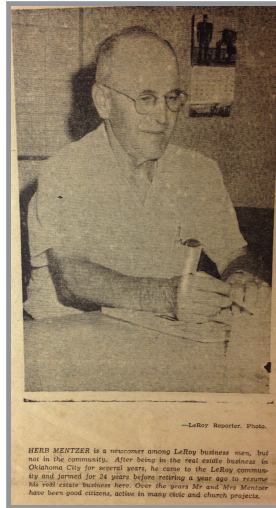
Herbert Wells Mentzer

My Great-Uncle



Herbert Mentzer





Herbert Mentzer Funeral program

# Herbert Mentzer

Friday, August 13, 2021



**Herbert Wells Mentzer** was born on 20 Jul 1900 at a farm northwest of Yates Center in Woodson, Kansas, United States. 1– 9

He was the child of Charles Oliver Mentzer and Nettie Adell Wells.

Herbert Mentzer was listed in the household of C. O. Mentzer as a 4 year old male who was born in Kansas. The family was living in Neosho Falls, Woodson County, Kansas on the 1905 Kansas census. 10

Herbert W Mentzer was listed as a 9 year old male who was born in Kansas in the household of Charles O. Mentzer on the 1910 census. The family was living in Liberty township, Coffey County, Kansas. 11

In 1915, he was educated at Rosemund School District No. 9 in Coffey, Kansas, United States. 12– 13

Herbert Mentzer was listed in the household of C. O. Mentzer as a 14 year old male who was born in Kansas on the 1905 Kansas census. The household was living in Neosho Township, Coffey County, Kansas. 14

About 1917, Herbert was educated at Neosho Falls High School in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 7

He registered for the military draft on 12 Sep 1918 in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 15

Herbert Mentzer was listed in the household of Charles O Mentzer as a 19 year old son who was born in Kansas on the 1920 census. The family was living in Everett Township, Woodson County, Kansas. 16

On on 10 Jul 1926 he attended the Wells family reunion in Neosho Falls, Woodson,

Kansas, United States. 17

Herbert witnessed the marriage of Herbert Wells Mentzer and Ruth Shirley Kitterman on 17 Sep 1928 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, United States. 4, 7, 18– 22

About 1929 he was an a fireman in the railroad yards and involved in real estate in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, United States. 7

He lived in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, United States in Jun 1929. 7

On 11 Jun 1929, Janice Joy Mentzer was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, United States. 7

Herbert Mentzer was listed as a 29 year old head of household on the 1930 census living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. Included in the household was his 24 year old wife, Ruth and 9 month old daughter, Janice Joyce. Herbert was employed as a locomotive fireman 23

After 1930 Herbert was an an engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, United States. 7

He lived in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, United States in 1933. 24

He lived at farm near Talala in Oklahoma, United States between 1934 and 1940. 18

Herbert lived in Talala, Rogers, Oklahoma, United States in Feb 1939. 25– 26

He was a member of the Methodist Church in Coffey, Kansas, United States. 7

Between 1940 and 1977, he was a member of the Tuscan Lodge #82 in Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 8, 19

Herbert W. Mentzer was listed as a 39 year old head of household who was born in Kansas on the 1940 census living in Shawnee City, Pottowatomie County, Oklahoma. Herbert was employed as a locomotive fireman. Also listed in the household was his 34 year old wife, Ruth S. Mentzer, 10 year old daughter, Janice Joy and 8 year old son, Billie R. 27

Herbert lived on a farm east of LeRoy in Coffey, Kansas, United States after 1940. 7, 18

He registered for the military draft on 16 Feb 1942 in Coffey, Kansas, United States. 28

He lived in Le Roy, Coffey, Kansas, United States on 26 Apr 1949. 29

Herbert Mentzer was listed on the 1951 census living in Spring Creek Township, Coffey County on the 1951 Kansas census. 30

Herbert attended the funeral of Philip Embry Mentzer on 19 Jul 1952 in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 31– 32

He lived in Leroy, Coffey, Kansas, United States in 1955. 33– 34



He attended the funeral of John Wesley Williams in 1957 in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 35

Herbert attended the funeral of Dixie L. Mentzer on 3 Feb 1960 in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 36

Between 1965 and 1977 he was a real estate broker in Coffey, Kansas, United States. 7–8, 37

On 21 Jul 1974 he attended a Briles family reunion in Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States. 38

Herbert lived in Leroy, Coffey, Kansas, United States in 1976. 39

In 1977, he was a member of the LeRoy United Methodist Church in Coffey, Kansas, United States. 8

He died on 25 Mar 1977 at the age of 76 at Allen County Hospital in Iola, Allen, Kansas, United States. 1, 3–4, 7–9, 19, 40–42

The funeral of Herbert Wells Mentzer was held on 28 Mar 1977 in Coffey, Kansas, United States. 3–4, 7–8

He was buried on 28 Mar 1977 at LeRoy Cemetery in Coffey, Kansas, United States. 1, 7–9, 43

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# 'Orphaned' in the City

Saturday, August 14, 2021

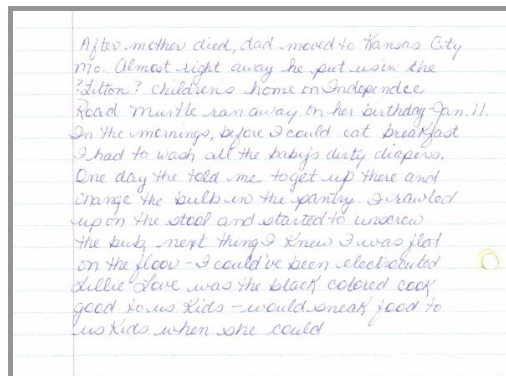
When researching a family, is there a block of time where you wished more records existed? Often the answer to this might be between 1880 and 1900 because of the lack of federal census records. Others might respond with prior to 1850 because of the lack of census records that identify those living in the household.

For my grandmother, the answer to that question is between 1913 when her mother died and 1918 when her sister's first child was born. The family was living in Olathe, Kansas when Winnie Mae Hutchinson Currey died in September 1913. By 1918, their oldest daughter, Myrtle Irene Currey, was married in Dodge City, Kansas.

When Winnie Currey died in 1913, my grandmother, Winnie Currey was 10 years, 2 months and 24 days old. My grandmother's siblings included:

- Herbert Miles Currey was born 3 Apr 1895 making him 18 years, 5 months, 20 days old when his mother died
- Myrtle Irene Currey was born 11 Jan 1899 making her 14 years 8 months and 12 days old when her mother died
- Mary Lela Currey was born 17 Aug 1901 making her 12 years 1 month and 6 days old when her mother died
- Earnest Oran Currey was born 5 Apr 1906 making him 7 years 5 months and 18 days old when his mother died
- Alma Jean Currey was born 5 Apr 1912 making her 1 year 5 months and 18 days when her mother died

My grandmother told me that she and her siblings were sent to a children's home.



She also shared some details in her letters.

Feb 1982

*Mother died in May. We went to the Children's Home June 11 — Herb didn't go and Myrtle wasn't there long til she went to Aunt Mary's in Denver Col.*

*Mary and I stayed together till she got married. But to go back — The court took Littens license away so dad had to take us back till Mary & I finished grade school. Then he was going to put us back into a home. I got Aunt Joe De Shazer to take Alma & found a home*

for Earnest. Then Mary & I lied about our ages went to work. I always kept track of the kids as I do now.

As noted in the blog post, U – Unknown Genealogy PhotoADay, I found a Rev. Charles Litten in the 1913 directory for Kansas City. He was identified as the secretary and general manager of Home Conserving Association of America at 2610 Cleveland Avenue.

Litten William B owner r 110 N Prospect av	L
Litten Addie L bkpr r 4200 Wabash av	L
Litten Charles W Rev sec and genl mngr Home	L
Conserving Assn of America 2610 Cleve-	L
land av r 4200 Wabash av	L
Litten Jesse B printer r 4200 Wabash av	L

1913 Kansas City, Missouri City Directory, image 570 of 1335, Litten, Charles W. Rev ; digital image, Ancestry.com, <http://www.ancestry.com> (: viewed online September 2016).

Over the years, I have tried to document my grandmother's account of her childhood. The first piece of documentation I located was a 1920 census record showing 7 year old Alma Jean Curry in the household of N. S. and Josephine De Shayert.

76	705 407 213	N. S. DeShazer	Head	M	44	W	1/2	S
76		Josephine DeShazer	Wife	F	40	W	1/2	M
77		Alma Jean Curry	Daughter	F	7	W	1/2	S
78		Myrtle I Curry	Daughter	F	6	W	1/2	M

1920 U.S. Census, Franklin County, Kansas, population schedule, Ward 1, Ottawa, Franklin County, Kansas, SD 2, ED 92, Sheet 8B, Dwelling 207 – N. DeShazer, Alma Jean Curry – boarder; digital image, Ancestry.com ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : viewed online September 2016); NARA microfilm publication T625

The city directories for Kansas City provide some clues.

- In 1914, there is a Myrtle I Curry living at 3816 Paseo.

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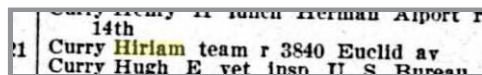
1914 Kansas City Missouri City Directory (Kansas City, Missouri: Gate City Directory, 1914), image 298 of 1394, Myrtle I. Curry; digital image, Ancestry.com, <http://www.ancestry.com> (: viewed online September 2016).

Curious as to whom else might be living at 3816 Paseo, a search of the city directories for the keyword, "3816 Paseo" in 1914 provides some additional information.



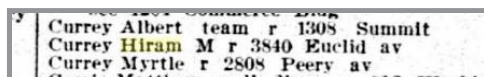
Also living at 3816 Paseo was Myrtle's aunt, Elizabeth Jane Currey Rigby, wife of Robert M. Rigby.

- In 1915, there is a Hiram Currey living at 3840 Euclid. Hiram was working as a teamster.



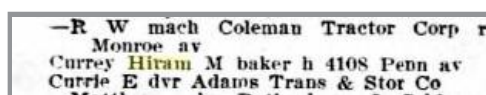
1915 Kansas City Missouri City Directory (Kansas City: Gate City Directory Co., 1915), image 314 of 1403, Curry, Hiram; digital image, Ancestry.com, <http://www.ancestry.com> (: viewed online September 2016).

- In 1916, Hiram M Currey was still living at 3840 Euclid. No occupation was listed. His daughter, Myrtle was living at 2808 Peery avenue in Kansas City, Missouri



1916 Kansas City, Missouri City Directory (Kansas City: Gate City Directory Co., 1916), image 292 of 1278, Currey, Hiram and Currey, Myrtle; digital image, Ancestry.com, <http://www.ancestry.com> (: viewed online September 2016).

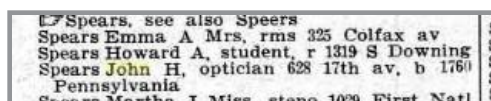
- In 1919, there is a Hiram M. Currey living at 4108 Penn Av. Hiram Currey was working as a baker.



1919 Kansas City Missouri City Directory (Kansas City: Gate City Directory, 1919), image 357, Hiram M. Currey; digital image, Ancestry.com ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)) : viewed online September 2016).

The 'Aunt Mary' mentioned in the letters was Mary Currey Spears, wife of John H. Spears. In 1916, there is a John H. Spears living in Denver boarding at 1760 Pennsylvania.





1916 Denver Directory for 1916. Denver, Co.: Ballenger & Richards, 1916. p. 1663.

The 1910 census for Denver does show a John H. Spears with a wife named May at 1760 Pennsylvania.

1760	May	Spears	John H.	1760	Pennsylvania	1910
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1910 U.S. Census. Denver, Denver County, Colorado. ED 110. Sheet 18A. Line 21. John H. Spears.

Thus, Myrtle could easily have gone to Denver to live with an aunt.

Unfortunately, Mary and Winnie are too young to appear in the city directories. A search of Newspapers.com for notice of Mary Currey's marriage turned up an article listing the marriage licenses that were issued in the 31 Jan 1919 issue of The Kansas City Times.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.		
Joseph L. Walters, North Kansas City, Mo.....	21	fu
Mary Currey, Kansas City.....	17	E
Alejo Garcia, Kansas City.....	24	E
Joe Ortiz, Kansas City.....	18	he

"Marriage Licenses," The Kansas City Times (Kansas City, Missouri), 31 January 1919, page 13; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 8 August 2021).

Broadening the search to look for Mary Currey between 1915 and 1920 in the Kansas City newspapers unearthed a very interesting article. According to the article, Mary and Winnie both graduated from Horace Mann School.

#### Horace Mann Graduates

##### A Class of Eighty-Eight to Receive Diplomas Thursday

Commencement exercises of the Horace Mann School will be held Thursday afternoon at the Ivanhoe Congregational Church. Thirty-ninth Street and Euclid Avenue. Dr. W. S. Abernethy will address the class. The graduates are:

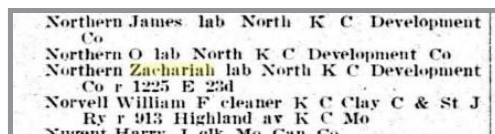
Mary L. Currey

Winnie L. Currey

"Horace Mann Graduates," The Kansas City Times (Kansas City, Missouri), 6 June 1916, page 3; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 9 August 2021).

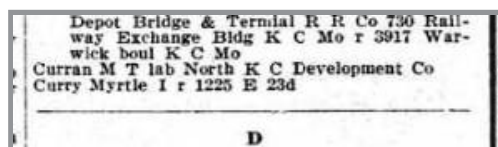
So, in 1916, the two girls, Mary and Winnie, graduated from Horace Mann School. Horace Mann School was located at the corner of 39th and Euclid. In 1916, their father was living at 3840 Euclid.

According to my grandmother, Mary and Winnie lived with their aunt, Eleanor Hutchinson Northern after leaving school. While living with them, they supposedly worked in North Kansas City. Since Eleanor is buried in Liberty, I had always assumed that she and her husband, Zachariah were living in Liberty at the time. However, the 1916 city directory for Kansas City lists a Zachariah Northern living at 1225 E 23rd – *in North Kansas City*.



1916 Kansas City, Missouri City Directory (Kansas City: Gate City Directory Co., 1916), North Kansas City, page 9 (image 1274 of 1278), Zachariah Northern; digital image, Ancestry.com, <http://www.ancestry.com> (: viewed online 11 August 2021).

I wasn't very observant when I first looked at the directory information for Zachariah Northern. I didn't realize his listing was in a section devoted to North Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri. Once I realized the difference, I searched the North Kansas City entries for the CURRY surname and found Myrtle living at the same address!



1916 Kansas City, Missouri City Directory (Kansas City: Gate City Directory Co., 1916), North Kansas City, page 3 (image 1271 of 1278), Myrtle Currey; digital image, Ancestry.com, <http://www.ancestry.com> (: viewed online 11 August 2021).

Since Myrtle Currey is living with Zachariah Northern, it is also probable that her younger sisters, Mary and Winnie, were also living with the Northern family.

Thanks to the use of city directories and newspapers, I've been able to find pieces of evidence that support the stories my grandmother told me. Having previously researched Hutchinson and Currey descendants has also helped figure out some of these clues.

However, there are still questions about what happened to these children after their mother's death.

- Where was Herbert Currey living after his mother died?
- When, how and why did Herbert Currey get to Utah where he married his wife in 1916?
- When, how and why did Myrtle Currey get to Dodge City where she was married in 1917?
- If Zachariah and Eleanor Northern were living on E 23rd in 1916, and if Mary and Winnie were living with them, how did the girls get to North Kansas City to work?
- Where was Earnest Currey during this time?

- Was 'Aunt Joe DeShazer' an actual aunt or just a close family friend? If an aunt, how was she related?

# Winnie Mae Hutchinson

Sunday, August 15, 2021

#SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Here is your assignment if you choose to play along (cue the Mission Impossible music):

1) Pick a great-grandparent of yours – any one of your eight. Tell us three (or more) things about him or her.



**Winnie Mae Hutchinson** was born on 6 May 1871 in Osage, Mitchell, Iowa, United States. 1– 7

She was the child of Julia Harding and Albert Hutchinson. 8

She lived in Douglas Township, Mitchell, Iowa, United States on 2 Jun 1880. 9 Winnie Huchardson was listed on the 1880 census as the daughter of A Huchardson. According to the census, Winnie was 9 years old and born in Iowa.

Winnie lived in Jackson Township, Bremer, Iowa, United States in Jul 1885. 10 Winna Hutchinson was listed on the 1885 census in the household of Albert Hutchinson. According to the census, Winna was 14 years old and born in Bremer County, Iowa.

She married Hiram Miles Currey on 13 May 1891 in Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri, United States. 5, 11– 13

On 3 Apr 1895, Herbert Miles Currey was born in Liberty, Clay, Missouri, United States.

On 11 Aug 1897, Hiram Currey was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, United States.

On 11 Jan 1899, Myrtle Irene Currey was born in Pomeroy, Wyandotte, Kansas, United States.

She lived in Delaware Township, Leavenworth, Kansas, United States in Jun 1900. 14

Winnie M. Carrey was listed on the 1900 census as the wife of Hiram Carrey. According to the census, Winnie was 31 and born May 1869 in Iowa. Winnie and Hiram had been married 11 years.

On 17 Aug 1901, Mary Lela Currey was born in Lansing, Leavenworth, Kansas, United States.

On 30 Jun 1903, Winnie Letha Currey was born in Lansing, Leavenworth, Kansas, United States.

She lived in Lansing, Leavenworth, Kansas, United States in Jul 1905. 15 W. M. Curry was listed on the 1905 census in the household of H. M. Curry. According to the census, she was 32 years old and born in Kansas.

On 5 Apr 1906, Earnest Oran Currey was born in Lansing, Leavenworth, Kansas, United States.

Winnie lived in Rooks, Kansas, United States in Jul 1910. 16 Winnie M. Currey was listed on the 1910 census as the wife of Hiram M. Currey. According to the census, Winnie was 38 years old and born in Iowa. The census indicates that Winnie M. Currey was the mother of 8 children, 5 of whom were living in 1910. Winnie and her husband Hiram had been married 17 years.

On 5 Apr 1912, Alma Jean Currey was born in Plainville, Rooks, Kansas, United States.  
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She died on 23 Sep 1913 in Olathe, Johnson, Kansas, United States at the age of 42. 2–3, 7, 18–21 Winnie Mae Currey died of heart disease. An abdominal tumor contributed to her death. Mrs. H. M. Currey, wife of a Kansas City teamster, died at their home, 420 Kansas Avenue, Tuesday, September 23, of heart disease. The funeral will be held at the Baptist church Thursday, September 25, at 10 a.m. conducted by the Rev. J. O. Harvey. She leaves a husband and six children, four girls, one of whom is only a year old and two sons, one who helps his father in the city.

She was buried on 25 Sep 1913 at Olathe City Cemetery in Olathe, Johnson, Kansas, United States. 3, 7, 19, 22–24

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3. Winnie Mae Currey, (1871-1913), Olathe Memorial Cemetery, Olathe, Kansas. (738 N. Chestnut).

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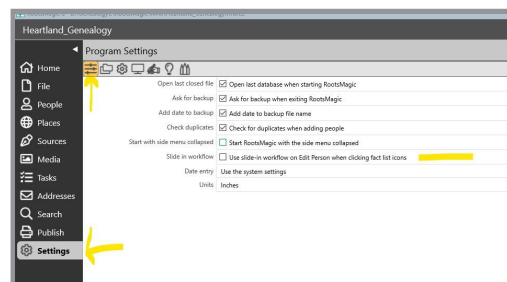
# RM8 Slide-In

Monday, August 16, 2021

Do you ever try and figure out what new features do in your genealogy software? With the release of RootsMagic 8's most recent update, 7.9.350 there is an option to 'choose a workflow' for the EDIT PERSON screen.

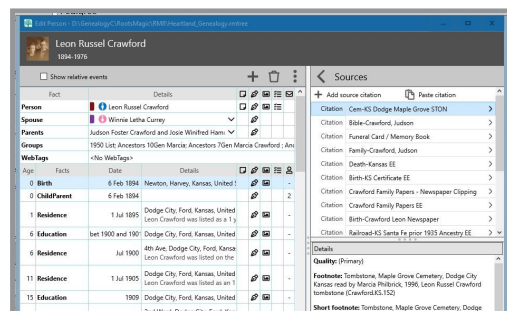
- New: Added option to select which "workflow" user wants on Edit Person form

This ability to 'select' the workflow is found on the PROGRAM SETTINGS menu. It is the option to 'Use slide-in workflow on Edit Person when clicking fact list icons.'

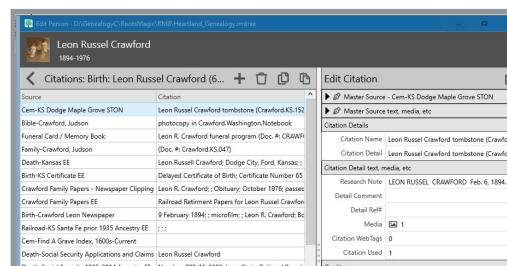


With the slide-in enabled the various types of information slide to the left and 'cover' the person's timeline on the Edit person screen. Below are images to compare the various types of information without and with the slide-in.

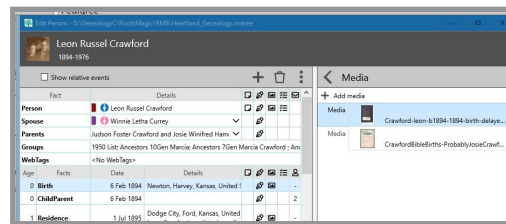
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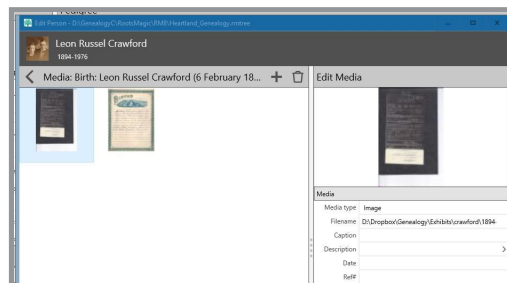
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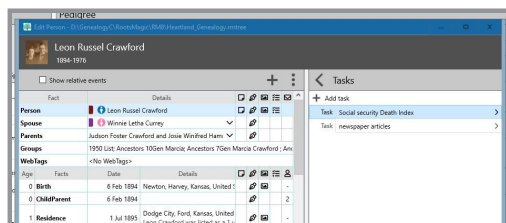
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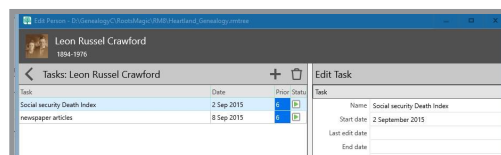
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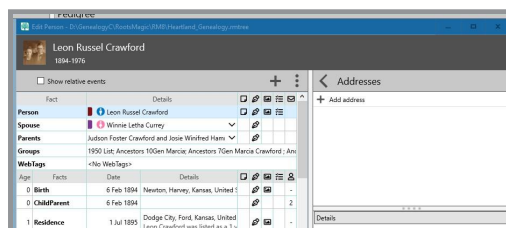
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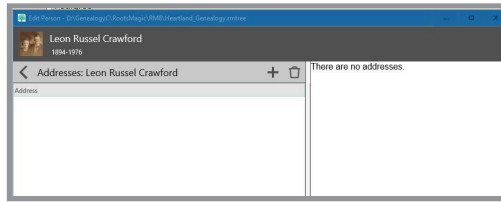
## TASKS with SLIDE-IN



## ADDRESSES – NO SLIDE-IN



## ADDRESS with SLIDE-IN



After comparing these various screens, I will likely leave the 'slide-in workflow' turned on.

# Merging

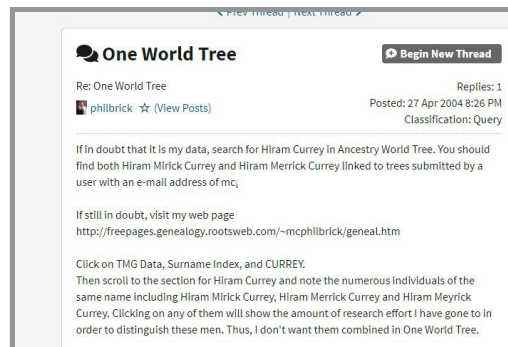
Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Have you ever been tempted to use the 'merge' feature in your genealogy software? It can certainly be tempting to let the computer search thru a file, identify duplicates and merge them.

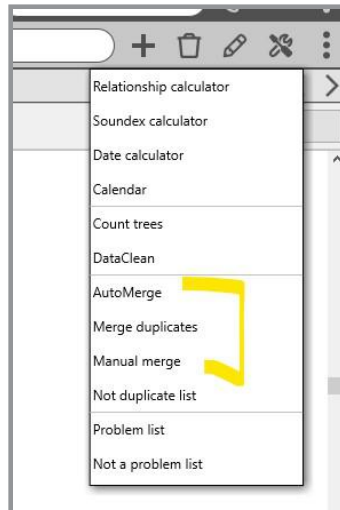
I first encountered the use of this feature when Ancestry introduced One World Tree. The concept was a fantastic 'crowd-sourcing' idea. Have genealogists from all over the world submit their gedcom files and let the computers find the connections between those files to build one tree.

Yes, I'm dating myself, but this sounded FANTASTIC to this researcher trying to find her Crawford and Currey ancestors. Thus, I submitted my gedcom file. And, I quickly realized that the computers weren't capable of analyzing the data and making the decisions on how to piece these files together.

The computer saw two James Crawfords who were born in 1758 and died in 1833 as one person — and merged them. It also say Hiram Mirick Currey and Hiram Merrick Currey as the same person — and merged them. My frustration with this 'automatic merging' can still be found on the Internet.



This experience has taught me to approach merging with extreme caution. Even though RootsMagic offers several options to merge people in my file, I know from my One World Tree experience that I want to have full control over what gets merged.



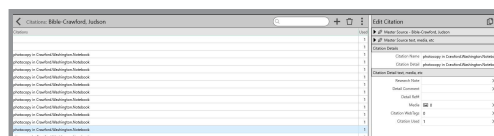
Thus, I only use the Manual Merge feature. This allows me to verify that the two individuals are indeed the same person.

As I'm venturing into RootsMagic 8, I'm investigating the merge features: particularly in terms of citations and sources.

The ability to merge citations sounds like a dream when working with sources. For example, I have a source for my great-grandfather's bible.



This Bible record has been cited 26 times. Since this source and the citations were created in The Master Genealogist (TMG), they were created without attached images or transcriptions. In addition, the 'citation' simply tells me where I can find the photocopies from the Bible.



Thus, I would love the ability to merge these citations together. If merged, then I could attach the images and transcription ONE time instead of 26 times.

Clicking on the 3 vertical dots in the upper right corner of the sources windows opens the menu for working with sources and citations.



Thus, when it comes to sources and citations, I currently have 3 options in RM8.

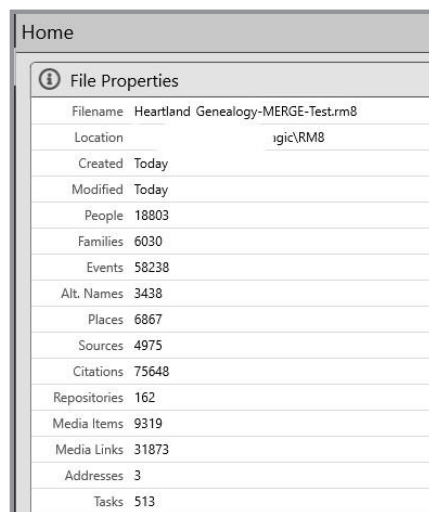
- Manual Merge
- Merge All Duplicate Sources
- Merge All Duplicate Citations

With over 4000 sources in my file, I'm sure I have duplicates. Scrolling to the Newspaper section showing the Dodge City papers reveals several potential duplicates.



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News-KS Dodge City Daily Globe D418 KSHS EE
News-KS Dodge City Daily Globe D542 1925-1930 KSHS EE
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News-KS Dodge City Daily Globe D90 1969 KSHS EE
News-KS Dodge City Daily Globe D96 1970 KSHS EE
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So, out of curiosity, I decided to experiment with these 'merge all' functions. First of all, *this in an experiment*. Thus, I'm working with a **COPY** of my file. This way, I can play around with affecting my actual data. To try and document what happens, I'm going to compare before and after statistics. Before starting this process, my file contains 4975 sources and 75648 citations.



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My first experiment was to merge all duplicate sources. For this process, the program is choosing what is merged.

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When I compare the list of sources for the Dodge City newspaper AFTER the merge to that list (shown above) from before, it does appear that a couple of sources were merged.

- News-KS Dodge City Globe Republican ChroniclingAmerica EE
- News-KS Dodge City Reporter

A look at the file properties reveal that there are 4952 sources after the merge compared to 4975 from before the merge.

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Comparing the two lists of Dodge City newspapers, it appears that the merge ONLY happened when the two sources were exactly alike. However, without taking the time to compare the entire lists of sources before and after, I have no idea weather two sources were merged that should not have been.

Even though I'm leary about this 'merge all' function, I wanted to see what happened when I used the 'Merge All Citations' tool. So I tried it on my 'test' database. Remember, I have over 75,000 citations for it to work its way thru. As the program is 'cleaning duplicate citations,' it is telling me how many it is merging – and it is rapidly scrolling thru the numbers. The scrolling is above 42,000 — thus at least 42,000 of my citations are being merged. When finished, there were 20,959 citations, down from 75,648.



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A look back at the Bible record indicates that I now have 3 citations.

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Thus, I could easily edit the citation used 23 times to make sure all of the images are attached and that a transcription has been added. Being able to do this task ONCE and not 23 times would be fantastic!

However, I cannot tell whether two (or more) citations were merged that should not have been merged. A search of the FB RM 8 Community Preview group for the term 'merge' reveals that others have the same reservations about this global merge feature. One member has documented the unwanted merging on citations.

Thus, based on these experiences and the issues reported by others, I will steer clear of the 'merge all' functions for People, Sources and Citations. And, I'm deleting that test file so that I don't inadvertently get it open again.

# RM8 Citations

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

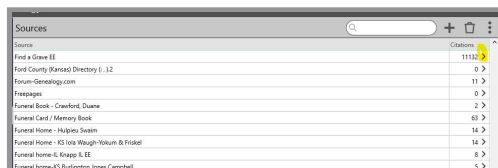
Did you create very many footnotes prior to your work as a genealogist or family historian? Even though I worked with lots of data and even helped students create footnotes, creating footnotes was not one of my job tasks.

Now, that I'm retired, I'm working with footnotes on an almost daily basis. I even have 'tools' to help me with creating those citations. The 'tool' I use the most often is Source Templates in my RootsMagic software. I usually copy and modify an existing template. For those modifications, I often turn to another 'tool' — my copy of Evidence Explained.

Now that I'm working with the preview copy of RootsMagic 8, I am spending a lot of time working with citations.

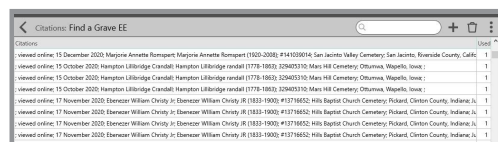
- Some of my citations are decades old and I hate to admit it, but they are sloppy. These old citations will not help another researcher locate the information.
- Some of my citations are what I would call 'bare bones'. They contain the source information but the research notes is blank and they do not have an image or PDF file attached.

RootsMagic 8 has a feature that I'm still learning to use: Citation Manager. To open the Citation Manager screen, click on the > to the right of the number of times the citation is used.



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Find a Grave EE	11112
Ford County Kansas Directory v. 12	0
FamilySearch	1
Funeral Book - Crawford, Duane	2
Funeral Card / Memory Book	61
Funeral Home - Haysley Swain	14
Funeral Home - KS via Waugh Volume B Probst	14
Funeral Home - Knapo S. EE	8
Funeral Home - KS Burdette (John Campbell)	5

This feature allows me to see on one screen every instance in which a particular source is used. If I pull up a source such as Find a Grave, I can see every instance in which my Find a Grave source has been used.



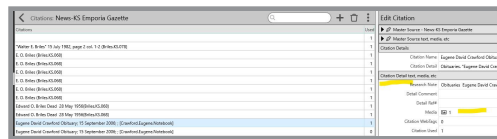
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## Find a Grave Citations

Since the Citation Manager window allows me to see where a source was used, I can find those sources that are missing the research notes and media. (Note: I am not on a hunt for these citations, but will work thru them as I update ancestors in my tree.)

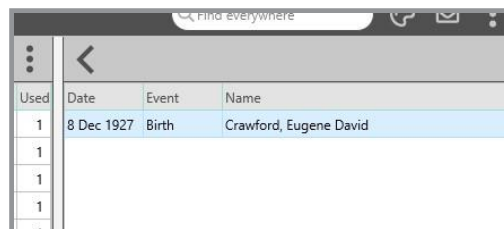
One type of source that could easily have citations missing research notes or media is obituaries. Since I often copy the documentation from the death fact citation and paste it into a variety of other facts, those copies may be missing the transcription or an image of the obituary.

For example, the first citation of Eugene Crawford's obituary in the Emporia (KS) Gazette has information in the research notes field and has an image file attached.

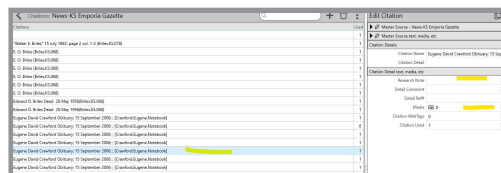


## RM8 Citation Manager Screen – Showing Research notes and Media attached

If I click on the > to the right of citation used, it will tell me that this particular citation is attached to the birth fact for Eugene Crawford.



Since I would attach an obituary to each person's facts included in the obituary, I'm not surprised to find multiple citations for the obituary. However, the other citations do not have research notes or media attached.

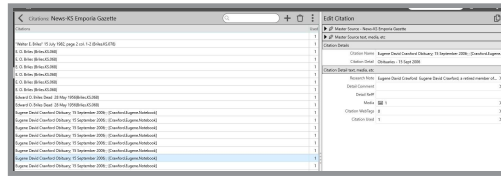


## RM Obituary Citation – missing notes and media

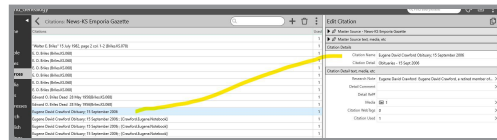
*If RM8 had the capability to do a selective merge of citations, I could use the first citation with notes and media as the source and merge it with each of the citations missing those items. As of August 6th, that feature was not available in the preview version of RootsMagic 8.*

With version, 7.9.350.0 (released before August 15th), the ability to selectively merge citations has been added. This is exactly what I want to do with these obituary citations for Eugene Crawford.

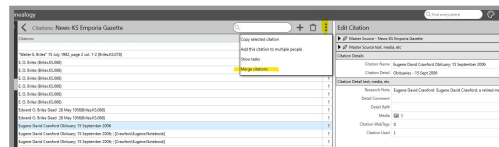
Thus, I highlight the citation I want to use as the "Master". This is the citation with a research note and attached media.



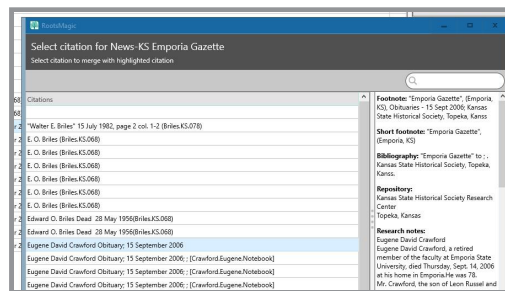
I change the name slightly for the citation I want to keep. That way, I know which one is the 'good' one.



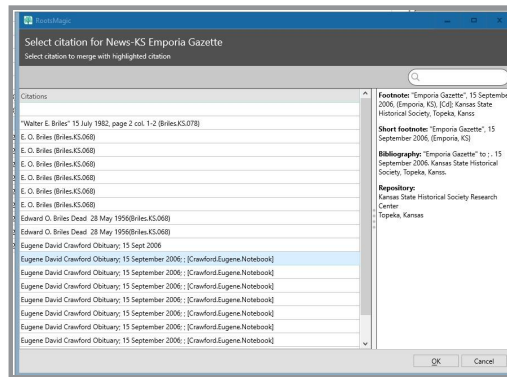
Then, I click on the 3 vertical dots at the top of the citation window to open the pull down menu and locate 'Merge citations'



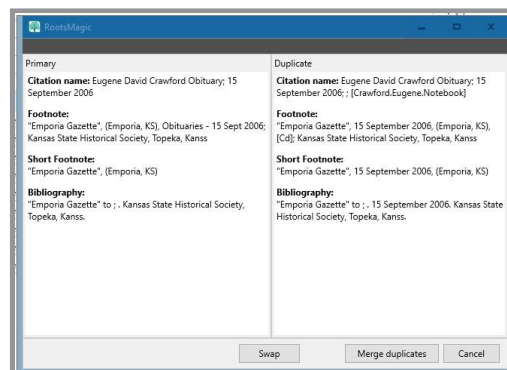
Clicking on Merge Citations opens the window, "Select citation for \_\_\_\_\_". The top of the window is prompting me to 'Select citation to merge with highlighted citation.'



I have the citation I want to keep named "Eugene David Crawford Obituary; 15 Sept 2006." The citations that I want to merge with this one all have citation names ending with [Crawford.Eugene.Notebook]. Thus, I highlight one of those citations and notice that my original citation is no longer highlighted in any manner.

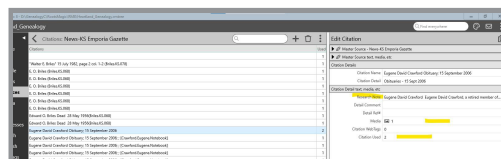


Clicking on the OK button opens a window showing the primary and duplicate citations.

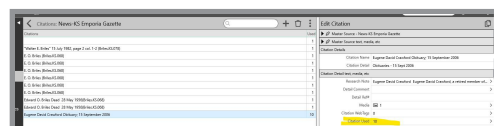


From this comparison window, the only way I can tell which is the citation I want to keep is the 'renamed' one. Knowing how I renamed the citation, this information is correct. Thus, I click on Merge Duplicates.

The merge window closes. The Citations screen now shows 2 citations for my 'master' citation.



This is a 'one at a time' process. When finished merging, the number of citations reflects the number of times the citation has been used.



Clicking on the > to the right of the number of citations reveals a list of the events the citation is associated with.



# Throwback Thursday

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Mentzer Bibles

Emeline Minnick Mentzer Bible

Deaths

Mrs Elizabeth Minnick died July 20-1889

John Minnick died 1893  
Age 81

Wilson Minnick born Aug 28-1844  
died in January

Gary Mentzer born June 1838 - died  
Jan. 1912

Susie May Mentzer Tunnicliff  
passed away Jan 6 - 1909 - Age 35

Children, Charles & Lettie Mentzer  
died Aug 9-1894  
Pauline Edith Mentzer - Mar 28-1896  
Paul Emory Mentzer Mar 28-1896  
died of cholera  
Hazel Adell Mentzer - June 19-1896

Mentzer, KS 006

1877/1878

1877/1878

Deaths

Charles Oliver Mentzer - born July 1-  
1869 - in Kewanee, Ill.

John Fredrick Mentzer - born Mar 3-1891  
in Kewanee, Ill.

Susan Mary Mentzer born Feb. 27 -  
1873 - Warden Co, Kansas

Henry Amos Mentzer - born  
Dec 31 - 1874 - Warden Co, Kansas

Philip Embury Mentzer - Feb. 22-1877  
Warden Co, Kansas

Ernest Everett Mentzer - May 10, 1880  
Warden Co, Kansas

Oliver Edith Mentzer - Sept 20-1882  
Warden Co, Kansas

Charles Albert Mentzer - April 9-1887  
Warden Co, Kansas

Marriage

George Mentzer & Emma Minnick  
married Jan 1-1867 - in Appleton, Wis.  
Emma Minnick born Aug 6, 1848  
in Pennsylvania

George Mentzer born Jan 17-1837  
died - Massachusetts

Charles Oliver - son of George & Emma Mentzer  
married to Lettie Edith Lettie Oct 18-1893 -  
Warden Co, Kansas

John Fred - son of Lettie & Emma Mentzer  
married to Susan Mary Lettie Mar 29-1895  
in Warden Co, Kansas

## Deaths

Mrs. Elizabeth Minnick died July 20 1889

John Minnick died 1893 age 81

Wilson Minnick born Aug 28 1844  
died in January

Gary Mentzer born June 1838 – died Jan. 1912

Susie May Mentzer Tunnicliff passed away Jan 6 1909 age 35



Children of Charles & Nettie Mentzer  
Gladys Olive mEntzer July 9 1894  
Pauline Edith Mentzer Mar 28 1896  
Paul Emory Mentzer Mar 28 1896

Children of Fred & Anna Mentzer  
Hazel Adel Mentzer June 19 1896  
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#### Births

Charles Oliver Mentzer born July 1 1869 in Kewanee, Ill

John Freddie Mentzer born Mar 3 1871 in Kewanee, Ill

Susan May Mentzer born Feb. 28 1873 Woodson Co., Kansas

Henry Arnold Mentzer – born Dec 31 – 1874 – Woodson Co., Kansas

Phillip Embry Mentzer – Feb. 22 – 1877 Woodson Co., Kansas

Ernest Everett Mentzer – May 10, 1880 Woodson Co., Kansas

Clara Edith Mentzer – Sept 20 1882 Woodson Co Kansas

Clarence Albet Mentzer April 7 – 1887 Woodson Co., Kansas

#### Marriages

George Mentzer & Emmaline Minnich  
married Jan 1 – 1867 – Rev. Applebee  
Emaline Minnich born Aug 6 1848 in Pennsylvania, Franklin Co.

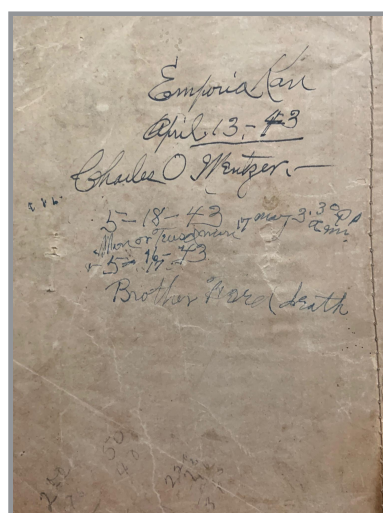
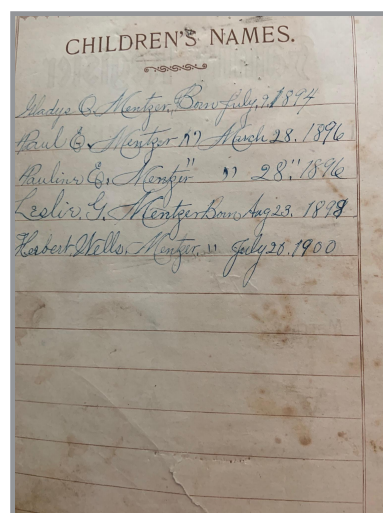
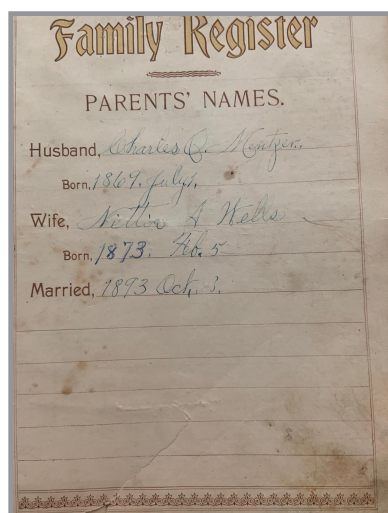
George Mentzer born June 19 1838 Stow Massachusetts

Charles Oliver – son of George & Emma Mentze  
married to Nettie Adell Wells Oct 18 1893  
Woodson Co. Kansas

John Fred – son of Geo & Emma Mentzer  
married to Anna May Wells Mar 27 1895  
in Woodson Co., Kansas

Mentzer, George, Family Bible of Emeline Minnick Mentzer (no place: no publisher, no date); Doris Ryan, Yates Center, KS, George Mentzer & Emmaline Minnick married Jan 1 1867 Rev. Applebee

## Charles Mentzer Bible



Self Pronouncing Edition in which all the proper names are divided, accented and marked with the vowel sounds, showing how they should be pronounced. The New Testament Translated out of the original Greek and with the Former translations diligently compared and revised The text conformable to that of the Oxford Bible printed at the University Press, Oxford

Bible in poor condition stored in a box Cover of box says Belong to Pauline Briles 1982

C. O. Mentzers Family Bible

Family register Parents' Names

Husband, Charles O. Mentzer born , 1869, July 1,  
 Wife, Nettie A. Wells born, 1873, Feb.5  
 married, 1893 Oct.3

C. O. Mentzer born July 1 1869

(dates given showing calculation of age 1938-1869 = 69 yrs old

Children's Names

Gladys O. Mentzer born July 9.1894

Paul E. Mentzer " March 28.1896  
Pauline E. Mentzer 28.1896  
Leslie G. Mentzer born Aug 23. 1898  
Herbert Wells Mentzer July 20, 1900

on back page Emporia, Kan  
April 13-43  
Charles O. Mentzer  
5-18-43  
Mon or Tuesd  
Mon 17 May 3:30 pp a.m.  
5-16-43  
17  
Brother Fred Death

Crawford Family Papers; privately held by Marcia Philbrick, Seneca, Kansas, 2016. Bible  
Charles O. Mentzer. passed down to Marcia Philbrick by Pauline Briles.

Bible given to Charles Mentzer by Pauline Briles

THE HOLY BIBLE  
Containing the Old and New Testaments  
King James Version  
Cleveland: The World Publishing Company

Charles Mentzer engraved on front

Inscription:  
Holy Bible presented to  
Charles O. MENTZER  
by  
Pauline

For  
Letha and Geo Doolittle  
Love Mom Briles

Family Register  
Pauline E. Briles  
and  
Edward Osumond Briles  
were united in  
Holy Matrimony  
on the Oct 29 day of Friday  
in the year of our Lord 1915  
at Christian Church Parsonge  
Yates Center  
Kansas

Births  
Edward Osumond Briles born June 21-1891  
died May 28-1956

Pauline Edith Mentzer born March 28-1896 children  
Walter Emery Briles born Aug 7-1917  
Kenneth Briles born Sept. 26 1918  
Letha Marie Briles born Sept 14 1924  
Roberta Adell Briles born June 29 1930  
Barbara Ann Briles born Aug 22 1934  
Walter Briles born Aug 14 1917

Pauline & Osumond Briles married 1915 October 29-1915

#### Marriages

Letha & Geo Doolittle married Nov 9-1944  
Walter & Fay Blair married Oct 11-1941  
Roberta & Eugene Crawford married June 9-1951  
Barbara & Marvin Thompson married Oct 16-1954

I Joined Christian Church in Emporia March 4-1934 signed Pauline Briles

#### Deaths

My mother Nettie Wells Mentzer died Feb 9 1939  
My father Charles Oliver Mentzer died Aug 14 1955  
Kenneth Briles died June 10-1919  
Edward Osumond Briles died May 28-1956  
Paul Mentzer Aug 1942  
DeLois Mentzer  
Herbert Mentzer died March 25 1977  
Ruth Mentzer  
Ada Mentzer  
Gladys Green July 9, 1974  
Barbara Thompson died May 3, 1982  
Walter Briles July 14, 1982

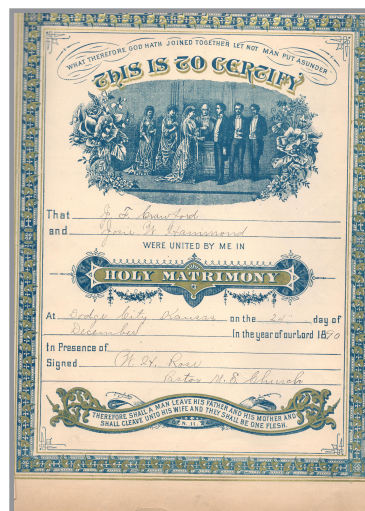
Pauline Mentzer Briles family, The Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testaments  
King James Version (: The World Publishing Company, ); Lloyd Doolittle, San Bernardino,  
California, Charles Mentzer / Pauline Briles family Bible

# Crawford Family Bible

Friday, August 20, 2021



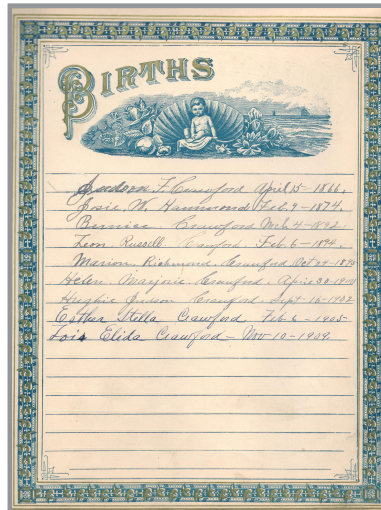
This is to Certify  
That J. F. Crawford  
and Josie W. Hammond  
were united by me in  
Holy Matrimony  
at Dodge City, Kansas on the 24 day of  
December in the year of our lord 1890  
In the prsence of  
Signed: W. H. Rose, Pastor M. E. Church



## Births

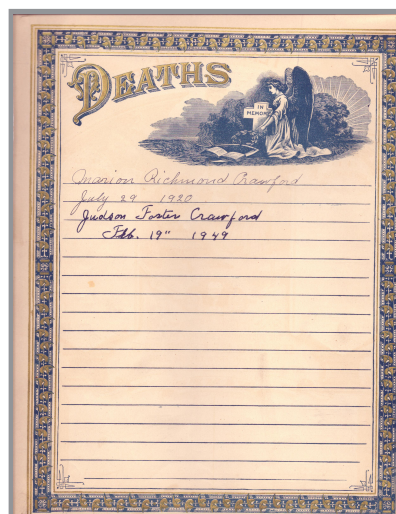
Judson F. Crawford April 15 1866  
Josie W. Hammond Feb. 9 1874  
Bernice Crawford Mch 4 1892

Leon Russell Crawford – Feb 6 1894  
 Marion Richmond Crawford Oct 24 1895  
 Helen Marjorie Crawford April 30 1900  
 Hughie Judson Crawford Sept 16 1902  
 Esther Stella Crawford Feb 6 1905  
 Lois Elida Crawford Nov 10 1909



#### Deaths

Marion Richmond Crawford  
 July 29 1920  
 Judson Foster Crawford  
 Feb 19 1949



#### Marriages

J. F. Crawford J. W. Hammond  
 December 24 1890  
 Miss Bernice Crawford to  
 George J. Allen Nov 10 1911  
 Helen Marjorie Crawford to

Russel C. Horton July 16 1919  
 Leon Russel Crawford to  
 Winnie Leatha Curry Dec 24 1919  
 Lois Elida Crawford to  
 Ralph E Maden Jan 22 1929  
 Hugh Judson Crawford to  
 Gladys Vanderwilt Dec 8 1929  
 Esther Stella Crawford to  
 Carl Noll Dec 27 1945





# Tragedy

Saturday, August 21, 2021

When looking for an obituary, do you quit looking after finding one? I have to admit that I would quit looking after locating one, particularly prior to the digitization of the newspapers.

I've had found the obituary for Marion Crawford, my grandfather's brother, in microfilm copies of the local newspaper some time ago. Today, I located a digital copy. His death at age 24 was indeed a tragedy.

## **Injury Fatal to M. R. Crawford Death This Morning Follows Accident**

Young Man Missed Footing when  
Attempting to Mount Switch Engine  
and Fell Beneath Wheels –  
One Leg Severed and the Other  
Amputated by Physicians

Marion R. Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Crawford, 504 Avenue D, was fatally injured early Thursday morning about 2:30 when attempting to step upon the back of an oncoming switch engine. He accidentally missed his footing and fell under the wheels. One of his legs was cut off next to the hip and the other was so badly mangled as to make amputation necessary.

It was necessary to jack the rear of the engine in order to keep from running over the boy a second time. As soon as this was accomplished he was taken to the McCarty hospital with all possible speed, where everything that could possibly be done was performed to save the young man's life. He remained unconscious almost to the time of his death, which occurred at 8:30 this morning.

Marion R. Crawford was born in Dodge City October 24, 1895. He was well known here, having lived practically his entire life in the community. During the war he enlisted in the army, serving with Battery D, of the 13th Field Artillery, stationed at Camp Green, Charlotte, North Carolina. He was overseas and fought for his country in the Argonne, afterwards serving with the army of occupation. Marion Crawford was quiet, reserved and had a host of friends in Dodge City. After returning from the army he obtained a position with the Santa Fe railroad as switchman, and it was at this job that he was working when the accident happened. He was a member of the A.O.U.W. in good standing and also a member of the Brotherhood of Switchmen.

He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Crawford, four married sisters, Mrs. Bernice Allen, of Cimarron, Mrs. Russell Horton of Dodge City, Esther and Lois Crawford and two brothers, Leon and High. His grandmother, Mrs. Mary Crawford, also lives in Dodge City, and Nelson Crawford, an uncle is an employee in the post office. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

"Injury Fatal to M. R. Crawford," The Dodge City Kanss Journal (Dodge City, Kansas), 29 July 1920, page 1; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 8 August 2021).

Since the obituary didn't contain information about the funeral or burial, I decided to look further. Unfortunately, I couldn't find such an article in the one 1920 Dodge City

newspaper on Newspapers.com. Since his sister was living in Cimarron, Kansas at the time, I decided to broaden my search to the state of Kansas. That's when I found two additional articles about his death.

### **Under Engine an Hour**

**Santa Fe Switchman Died from Loss of Blood**

Marion Crawford, a Santa Fe switchman in the Dodge City yards, who was run over by a switch engine severing his left leg, died later from the injuries and loss of blood. He was a son of J. F. Crawford night yardmaster at Dodge City. He served overseas in an artillery outfit.

Santa Fe railway men say Crawford lay for nearly an hour under the engine before he could be moved. The locomotive had to be raised with jacks to get him out, and he sustained an enormous loss of blood. His leg was severed close to his body.

"Under Engine an Hour," The Hutchinson News (Hutchinson, Kansas), 2 August 1920, page 15; Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 8 August 2021).

Even more details of Marion's death were included in the obituary published in The Hutchinson Gazette.

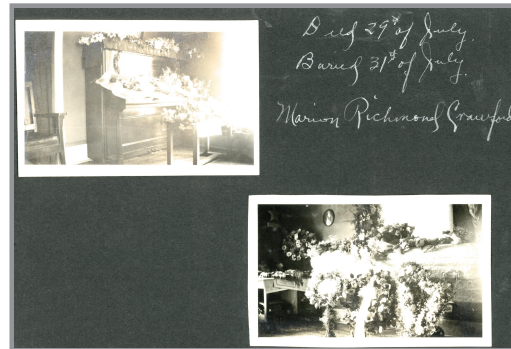
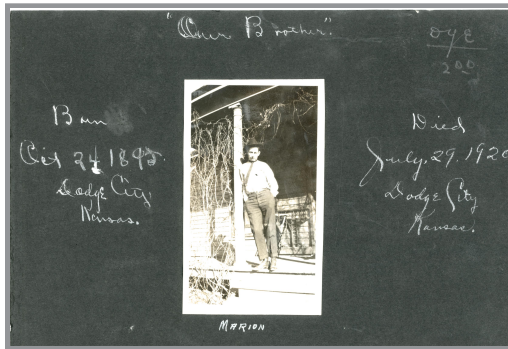
### **Dodge City Switchman Killed under Engine**

Dodge City, July 30. — Marion Crawford, Santa Fe switchman and a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Crawford, 504 Ave. G, died yesterday morning as a result of an accident when a switch engine passed partially over him, severing his left leg close to the body. He sustained considerable loss of blood before he could be removed from beneath the locomotive.

Crawford had fallen from the switch engine as it was backing and fell beneath the wheels, about half the locomotive passing over him before his screams warned Engineer L. O. Pierson of the accident. Foreman George Anderson, Switchman R. C. Nickerson, and the engine crew rushed to Crawford's aid, but investigation proved that he could not be removed until the locomotive was raised with jacks, his position being such that to move the engine would have inflicted further injuries. Dr. C. E. McCarty, Santa Fe physician and surgeon was immediately summoned, but it is said it was forty-five minutes before the locomotive could be jacked up and the injured man removed to the hospital, causing an enormous loss of blood. The knee cap and thigh bone in the left leg also were broken. Marion Crawford was one of the most popular of the employees in the Santa Fe yards here. He was born in Dodge City, Oct. 24, 1895, being over 24 years of age when he died, and had spent practically all his life in the community. As soon as the United States entered the world war, Marion, with his brother, Leon, enlisted for army service. He was stationed as a member of the coast artillery in California, in Texas and in South Carolina, before he was sent overseas, where he saw many months of service in the expeditionary forces, and later in the army of occupation. His contingent participated in several important engagements, among them the Argonne.

"Dodge City Switchman Killed Under Engine," The Hutchinson Gazette (Hutchinson, Kansas), 31 July 1920, page 7; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 8 August 2021).

Each one of these death notices provide different details regarding the tragic death of Marion Crawford.



# My Tree

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Are you 'blessed' with a window in your office? In the early years of my teaching career at Nemaha Valley, my classroom had windows. Those two small windows got 'covered up' by construction. When I moved across the hall to the library, I was in the center of the building — with no view of the outside.

Thus, I cherish my windows in my genealogy office. Not only do I have a window, but I have a tree. This tree is full of life, especially in the winter. The squirrels climb all over the tree and jump from it to neighboring trees as they figure out ways to get to the bird feeders. Since we fill the feeders with peanuts, there are several kinds of wood peckers that can be found in and around the tree. Blue jays, cardinals, and finches can also be found 'hanging out' in the tree. And of course, our neighbor's cat loves to climb the tree in search of those birds.

My tree has had a hard life. It suffered significant damage during the 2007 ice storms.



Not wanting to lose the tree, we had it 'bolted' back together. And it thrived.

Until the evening of Friday, August 20th. During a thunderstorm, the wind took out several branches in the center of the tree.





By the time we cut back the branches that hang over the street and those approaching our roof, very little of this tree will be left. Thus, the tree will be coming down in the next few weeks.

# RM 8 Light Bulb Settings

Monday, August 23, 2021

Gossip (i.e. Facebook posts) speculated that RootsMagic 8 might have been nearing release. Thus, I feel like I need to spend more time in the preview version figuring out my 'work flow'.

So, today, I created a new file from my RootsMagic 7 data file and saved it into my separate RM8 folder. When the file opened, I noticed a lot of the light bulbs were yellow and that I had green 'temple' icons.



When I clicked on one of the light bulbs, I discovered that My Heritage and Find My Past hinting was enabled.

WebHints - Edward Grant Briles

You can click any of the hint rows below to view the actual hints

Provider	Total	Pending	Confirmed	Rejected
Ancestry	26	0	25	1
FamilySearch	12	0	12	0
Findmypast	2	2	0	0
MyHeritage	9	1	8	0

I assumed that the ability to configure the light bulb hints would be in a Setting. Thus, I investigated the SETTINGS menu for my file. (Gear icon down left side of screen)

## Program Settings



**Program Settings**

Open last closed file ☒

Ask for backup ☒

Add date to backup ☒

Check duplicates ☒

Comma ☒

Build thumbnails ☒

Start with side menu collapsed ☐

Date entry Use the system settings

Units Inches

## Folder Settings

**Folder Settings**

Data folder .ealogyC\RootsMagic\RM8

Backup folder .ealogy\RootsMagicBackup

Media folder .ealogy\Exhibits

GEDCOM folder .ealogy\Gedcom

Report folder .ealogy\Reports

## General Settings

**General Settings**

Root person -11231

Start person Root person

Start view Pedigree

Start side view Index

Surname Uppercase ☐

Nickname style John "Jack" Kennedy

Number to display None

Date format 10 Jan 1959

Database color Default

Enable FamilySearch ☒

Problem Alerts ☒

Problem Options

## Display Settings



### Display Settings

Theme color: Silver

Background color (ped/fam views):

High contrast grid highlight: ☐

People side view position: Left

Search criteria position: Left

Show pictures on ped/fam view: ☒

Show avatars on ped/fam view: ☒

Font scaling %: 100

## Preparer

### Preparer

Name: Marcia Philbrick

Address 1:

Address 2: Seneca, KS

Address 3:

Phone:

Cell: 7

Fax:

Email:

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/heartlandgenealogy/>

## WebHints Setting

### WebHint Settings

WebHints: ☒

**Ancestry**

Ancestry: ☒

Record Hints: ☒

Member Tree Hints: ☒

Photo/Story Hints: ☒

Color code: ☒

Domain: USA (.com)

Clear on accept: ☒

Disconnect from Ancestry Tree

Reset TreeShare

**FamilySearch**

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**FindMyPast**

FindMyPast: ☐

**MyHeritage**

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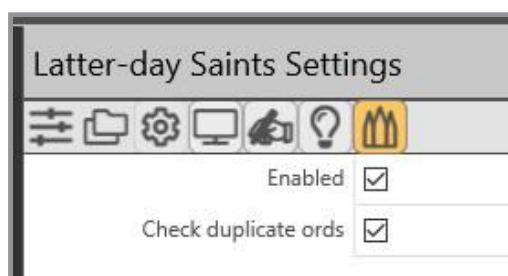
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Smart Matches: ☒

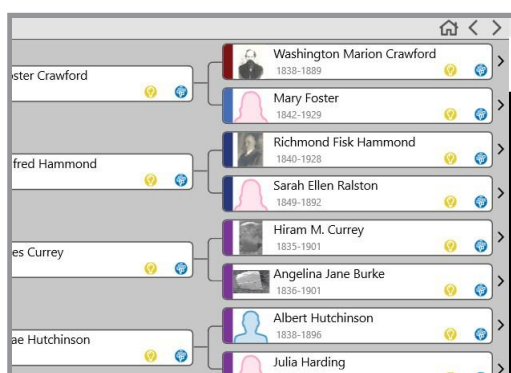
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Confidence: 2

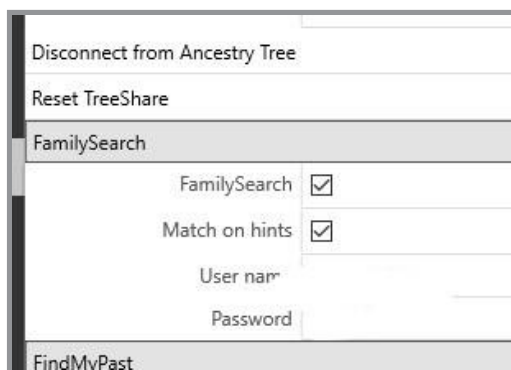
## Latter-day Saints Settings



After looking thru the SETTINGS screens, I realized that I needed to change the Latter-day Saints Settings since I am not a member of their church. I removed the check marks by 'Enabled' and by 'Check Duplicate ORDS'. This change removed the green temple icons from the pedigree screen.



The other change I made to settings was on the Web Hints screen. I removed the check marks by the My Heritage 'Record Matches' and 'Smart Matches' fields. I also made sure that there was a check mark by FamilySearch hints but not by Find My Past hints.



Now, when I click on a light bulb, it only gives me information for Ancestry and FamilySearch.

Provider	Total	Pending	Confirmed	Rejected
Ancestry	26	0	25	1
FamilySearch	12	0	12	0

I am now more familiar with the SETTINGS screens. I also know how to manipulate which hints are pulled from the various sites.

New versions of almost any software can challenge users with a learning curve. I'm thankful that I have access to the preview version of RootsMagic 8 so that I can 'play around'. Thus, I should be able to reduce my 'learning curve' when I am working with my actual data file.

# RM8 Sentences

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

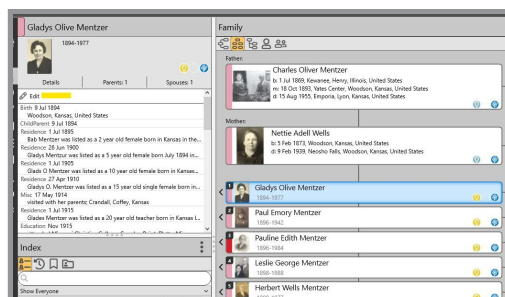
In case you haven't figured it out, I like to use a narrative report when working with an individual in my family tree. I'm guessing this goes back to my years using The Master Genealogist and John Cardinal's Second Site to create a web site.

The Master Genealogist (TMG) used memo fields in their sentences. Since one could have more than one memo field, it was possible to build fairly complicated sentences. When I transferred my data to RootsMagic, I elected to have that 'memo' information placed in the NOTE field of RootsMagic.

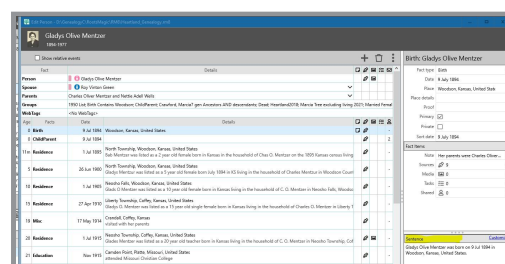
Like TMG, RootsMagic has standard sentences with the ability to customize them. I am still learning how to customize those sentences, especially for shared facts.

I am currently previewing RootsMagic 8 and learning how to use the new features of this software. Fortunately, with sentences, there doesn't seem to be much of a learning curve.

To view the sentences, I must open the 'EDIT' window for an individual. When a person is highlighted on the pedigree view, family view or any of the other ways to view people, their information is found to left side of the screen.



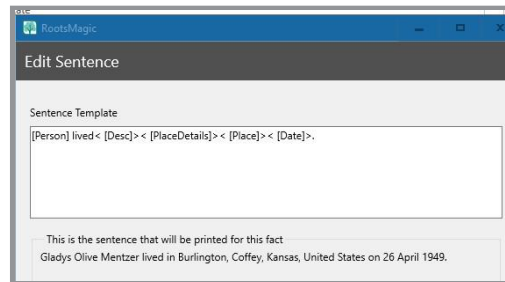
One way to open an individual's EDIT window is to click on the pencil icon below their name in the column on the left. Another way to open the window is to double click on the individual in the larger main window to the right. Once the EDIT window is open, highlighting a fact will reveal the sentence for the fact. The sentence information will appear at the bottom of the column to the right.



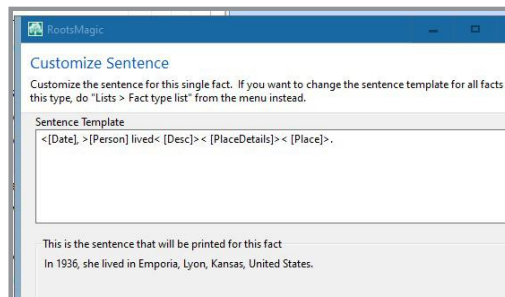
Like in RootsMagic 7, the sentences can be customized. I use this ability to customize sentences in several ways:

- Provide variety in a narrative report
- Create unique sentences for shared facts

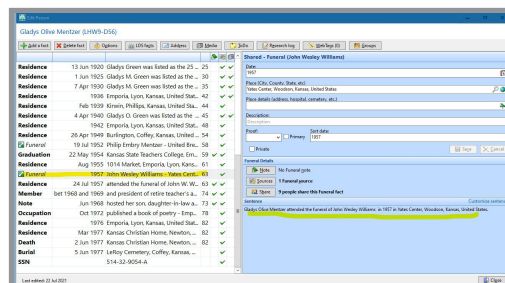
Since many of my facts for an individual are residence facts, a narrative report can get boring when the default sentence is always used.



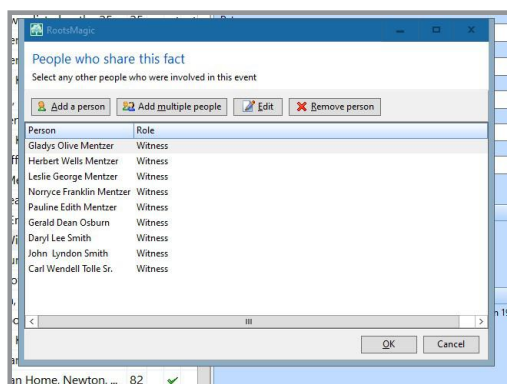
To add variety, I will edit some of the residence sentences to place the date at the first of the sentence.



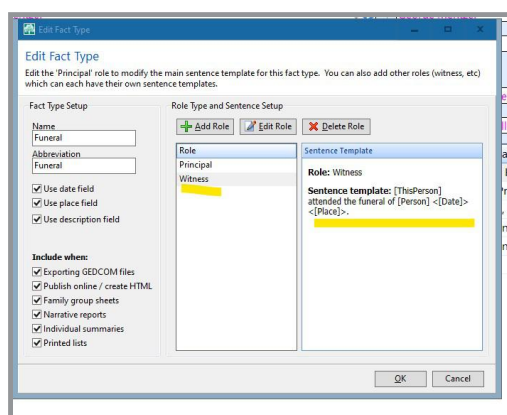
In RM7 I have a 'funeral' fact where the sentence states that the individual sharing the fact attended the funeral.



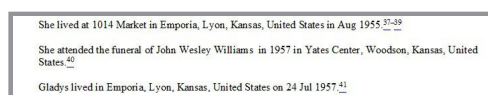
This fact is shared with 9 people. Their 'role' is as a 'witness.'



When I look at the 'funeral' fact type and open the EDIT window, I can see the sentence structure for witnesses to the funeral fact.



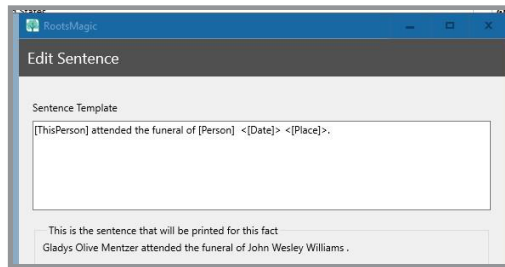
When I create a narrative report, the sentence is correctly formatted, indicating that the subject of the report attended the funeral of someone else.



In RM8, the fact shows in the list with a 'person' icon and then the words 'Witness-Funeral'. The sentence is similar to that created in RM7.



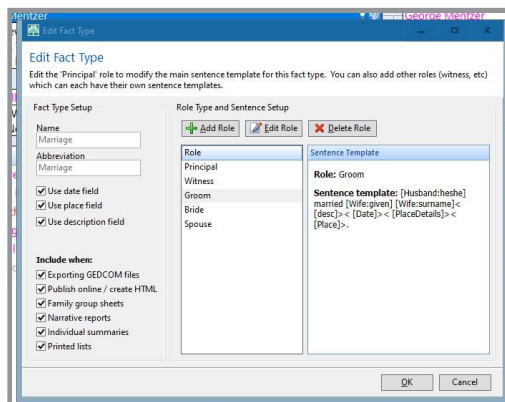
When I click to 'Customize' the sentence, the Edit Sentence window opens.



However, I need to remember that customizing the sentence for a shared fact affects the sentence for everyone with the same role who share the fact and not just for the person where the sentence was edited.

Another fact that I share is the Marriage fact. I share this fact so that a sentence for the marriage will be created in the narrative report. In RM7, I use the roles of Groom and Bride. The sentence structure is similar for both roles but specific to the role.

- Groom – **Sentence template:** [Husband:heshe] married [Wife:given] [Wife:surname]< [desc]>< [Date]>< [PlaceDetails]>< [Place]>.
- Bride – **Sentence template:** [Wife:heshe] married [Husband:given] [Husband:surname] < [desc]>< [Date]>< [PlaceDetails]>< [Place]>.



If the Marriage fact has already been shared in RM7, then the sentences appear as expected when the file is opened in RM8.



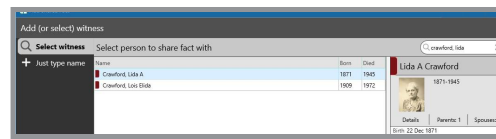
However, I haven't always remembered to share that marriage event. In an attempt to create the marriage sentence for the narrative report in RM8, I tried the process I used in RM7 – the sharing of the marriage fact.



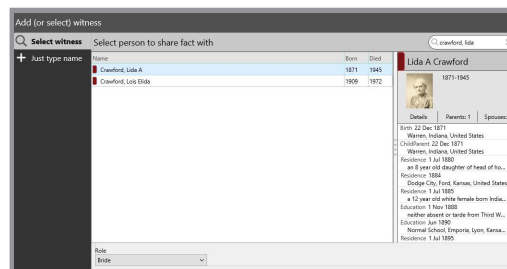
If I click on the > sign to the right of SHARED, it opens a window listing those people in my file and allowing me to use the search window in the upper right corner. When I type



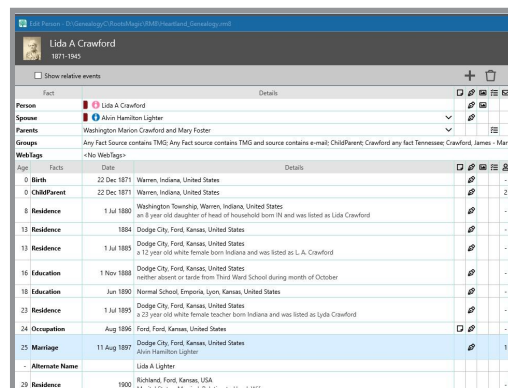
in a name, my list of people narrows down to show potential matches to the name I typed. (Note: I'm assuming that there is a character limit for the search function. I will inquire about this on the FB group for the RM8 preview.)



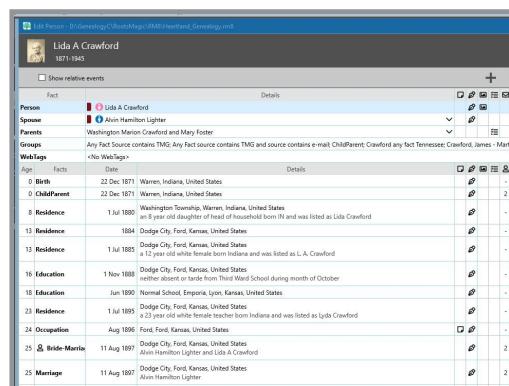
Underneath the list of people is the 'Role' window. Using this window, I change the role for Lida Crawford to Bride.



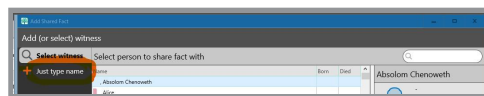
Even though the fact is shared, it does not show in the list of events UNTIL AFTER the EDIT window is closed.



Re-opening the edit window reveals the shared fact in the list of facts.

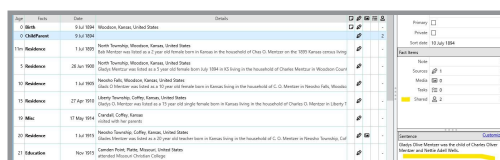


In learning how to share a fact in RM8, I also learned how NOT to share a fact. When I want to share a fact with another person in my file, I do NOT want to use the “Just Type Name” option. That option is prominently displayed in the upper left corner of the ‘Add (or select) witness’ window.



The ‘Just Type Name’ option is for instances when I want a witness’s name in a sentence but do not want to add the individual to my file. If I type in the name of a person in my file, it does not connect to the individual in my file. Nor, will the witness sentence appear on their narrative report. Since I typically add people to my file if I want to include them in reports, I want to use the search box in the upper right to locate the individual.

Another shared fact that I use in RM7 is a custom fact: ChildParent. I use this fact to not only print a sentence identifying the parents but also to document the parent-child relationship. I create the fact for the child and then share it with the parents.



When I look at the edit screen for a parent, the shared Parent-Child fact is in their list of events. Highlighting that fact reveals the sentence that will appear in the narrative report for the parent.



Figuring out how these sentences work is something that still challenges me. I’m thankful that working with sentences in RM8 will be similar to what I have been doing in Rm7.

For additional information on RootsMagic and sentence templates, check out their video, Sentence and Source Templates.

# Lesson Learned

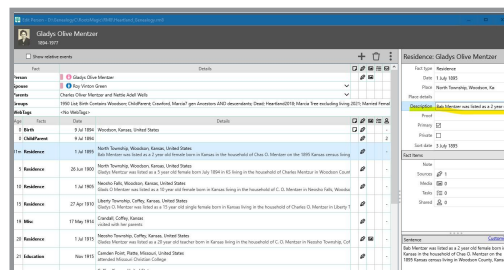
Wednesday, August 25, 2021

I believe someone once said that learning something new every day helps keep us 'young.' Well, if that is true, then my venture into RootsMagic 8 is going to help me stay young for quite some time.

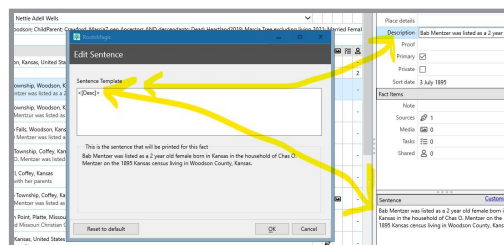
I have been working thru my great aunts and uncles to recheck the information I have for them. In the process, I'm making sure that the sentences read correctly.

For my residence sentences based on census records, I opted to 'write' my sentence in the Description field and then just use the [Desc] for the sentence. This allowed me to recreate the sentences from TMG that used multiple 'memo' fields.

However, in RM8 I cannot get the Description field to expand. Thus, my long text does not show.



Since I have already customized the sentence for this fact, I can read the description in the sentence. Unfortunately, it would be tedious to try and edit this field since the entire field is not visible on the screen.



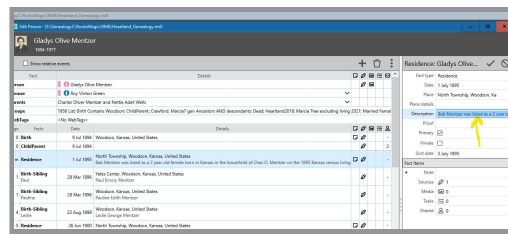
This limitation is causing me to 'rethink' these sentences.

To try and figure out how to resolve this issue, I searched the Facebook RootsMagic 8 Community Preview for 'description.' That's when I discovered that there is a 100 character limit to the description field in a GedCom file.

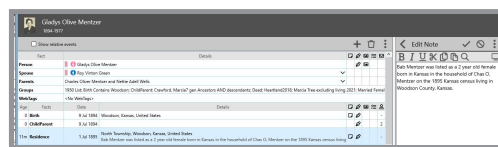
***This 100 character limit explains why my sentence solution is not actually a solution!***

So, the solution I should be using is to put the bulk of the information in the NOTES field and have NOTES included in my narrative reports.

Working in RM8, I want to cut the information from the Description field and paste it into the Note field. I can use hot keys to select everything in the description field (CTRL-A), then CTRL-C to copy that information.

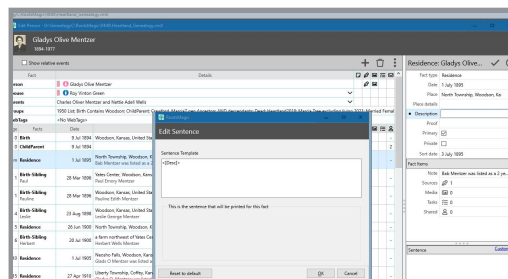


Then I can click on the NOTE field and use CTRL-V to paste that information.

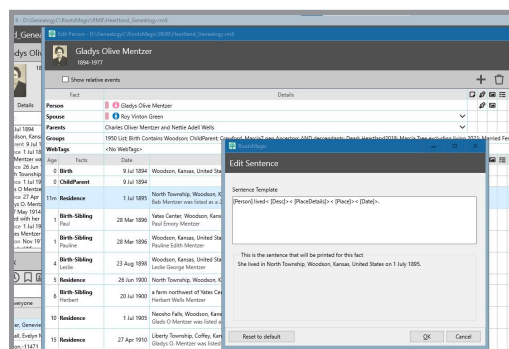


Once the information is pasted into the NOTE field, it can be deleted from the description field by using CTRL-A to select all and then the delete key to remove the information.

Once the Description / Note issue is resolved, I need to correct the sentence. In RM7, I customized the sentence to only show the Description.



I need to return the sentence to its default format. With the 'Edit Sentence' window open, I simply have to click on the 'Reset to Default' button in the lower left corner of the window. That simple click changed the sentence back to the program's original format.




To make sure the information I entered in the 'NOTE' field appears on the narrative report, I just need to make sure there is a check mark for 'Include Notes' on the narrative report settings.

The narrative report now has the default 'resident fact' sentence with the note field following the sentence.

Narrative Report for Gladys Olive Mentzer
2 August 2021

**First Generation**



1. <sup>1-18</sup> *Gladys Olive Mentzer*<sup>1</sup> was born on 9 Jul 1894 in Woodson, Kansas, United States.<sup>2-18</sup> Her parents were Charles Oliver Mentzer and Nettie Adell Wells Mentzer.

She was the child of Charles Oliver Mentzer and Nettie Adell Wells.<sup>17</sup>

She lived in North Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States on 1 Jul 1895.<sup>12</sup> Bob Mentzer was listed as a 2 year old female born in Kansas in the household of Chas O. Mentzer on the 1895 Kansas census living in Woodson County, Kansas.

Gladys lived in North Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States on 26 Jun 1900.<sup>11</sup>

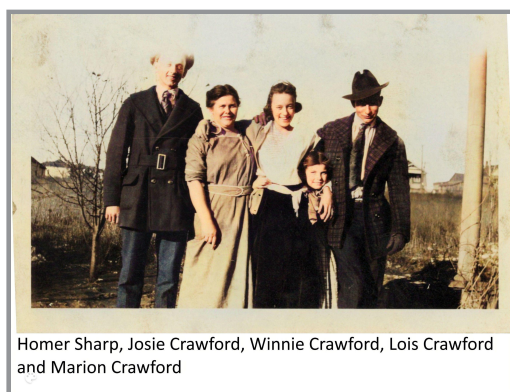
Gladys Mentzer was listed as a 5 year old female born July 1894 in KS living in the household of Charles Mentzer in Woodson County, Kansas on the 1900 census.

Unfortunately, my new knowledge means I have some work ahead of me cleaning up these sentences in RM8.

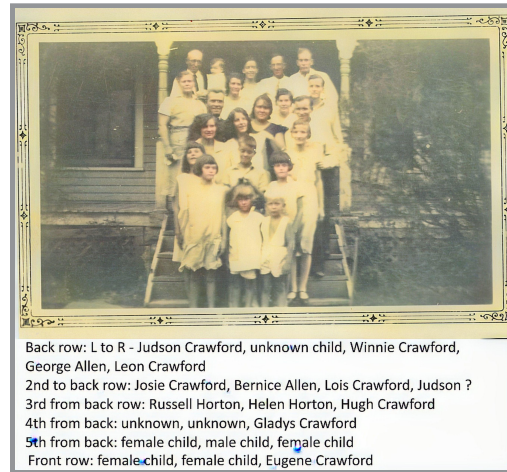
# Throwback Thursday

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Judson and Josie Crawford Family Photos









# RM8 Ancestry Source

Friday, August 27, 2021

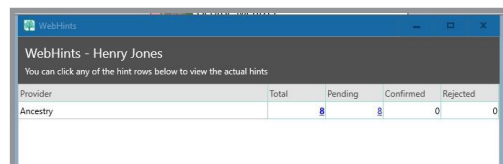
Have you ever documented how you add data and/or sources to your genealogy file? I have to admit that I have not spent much effort documenting my process.

However, I'm previewing RootsMagic 8 and am trying to figure out how my way of doing things in RootsMagic 7 translates to RM8.

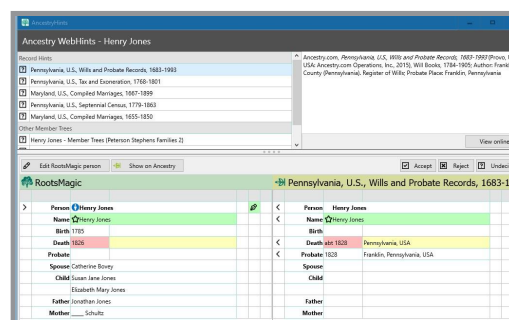
One of my typical tasks is to work with Ancestry hints to add sourcing information to my RM tree. That process starts by clicking on a yellow light bulb. In RM8, clicking on the light bulb opens a small window, where I click on PENDING.



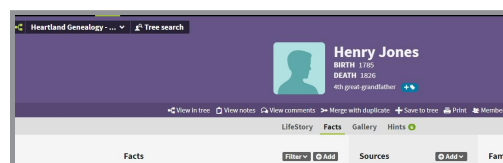
That opens the WebHints window which is similar to the window in RootsMagic 7.



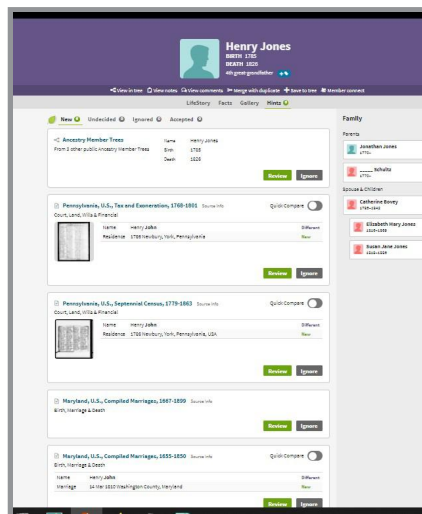
Clicking on the number for the pending hints opens the 'Ancestry WebHints' window.



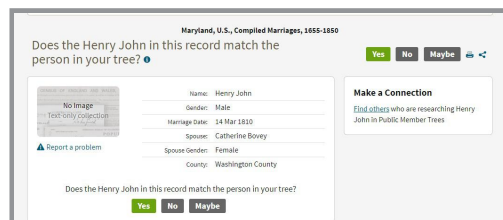
On this window, I typically click on the 'Show on Ancestry' button to open the selected individual on my Ancestry tree.



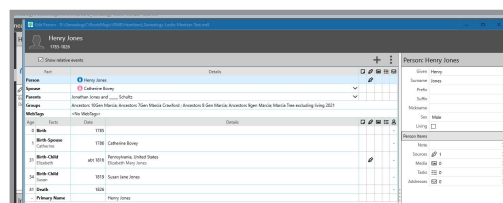
On the Ancestry page, I switch to the hints page.



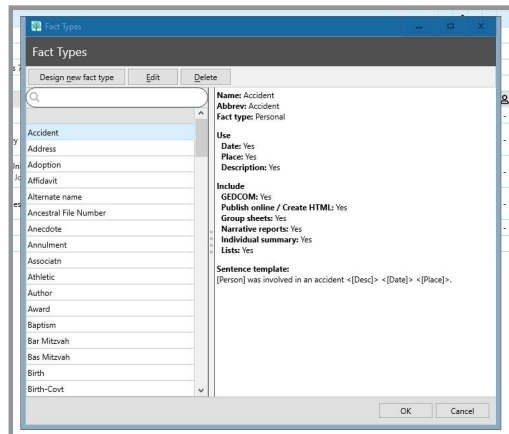
I typically open the suggested hints in a new tab to evaluate the data. One of the suggested hints for Henry Jones is a marriage record in the source, Maryland, U.S., Compiled Marriages, 1655-1850.



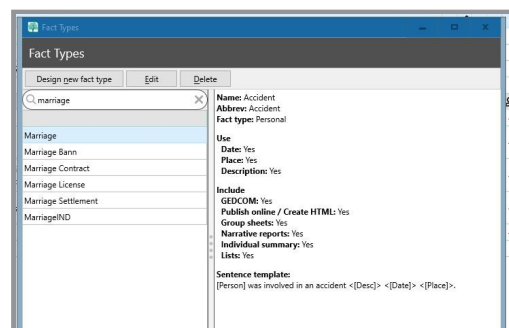
In this case, I believe the record is for my Henry Jones. Thus, I want to create a marriage fact and add this source to the fact. Thus, back in RootsMagic, I open the Edit window for Henry Jones.



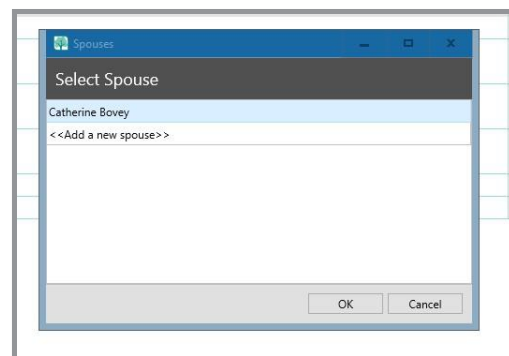
To add the Marriage fact, I click on the large + sign above the FACT area of Henry Jones' edit window. This opens the list of Fact Types.



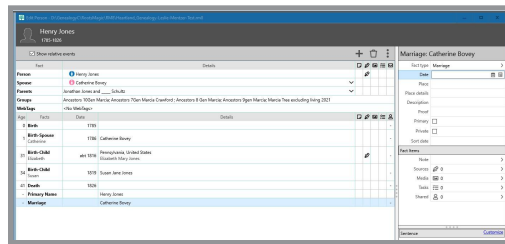
Typing 'Marriage' into the Search window pulls up just the Fact Types that contain the word 'marriage'.



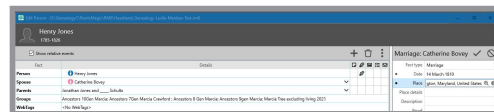
Selecting the Marriage Fact Type and clicking OK opens the window to select the spouse. (This is similar to RM7.)



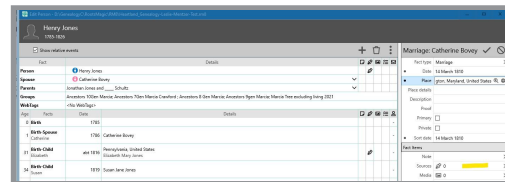
Selecting Catherine Bovey as the spouse adds the Marriage fact to the time line with Catherine Bovey in the details area. Toward the right of the screen, the fields such as date and place are shown and are blank.



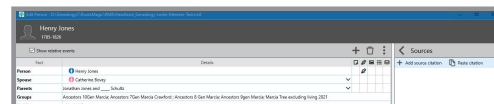
The date and place from the Ancestry record are entered into the Date and Place fields for the marriage fact on RootsMagic.



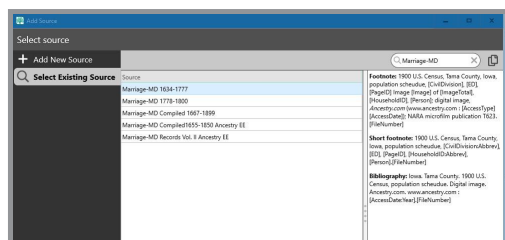
Next, I add the source. In RM8, I click on the > by SOURCES.



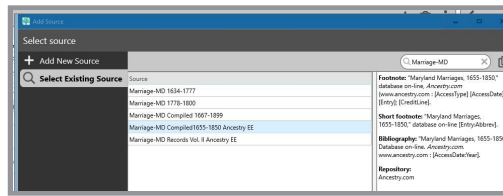
This opens the SOURCES window on the right side of the Edit window.



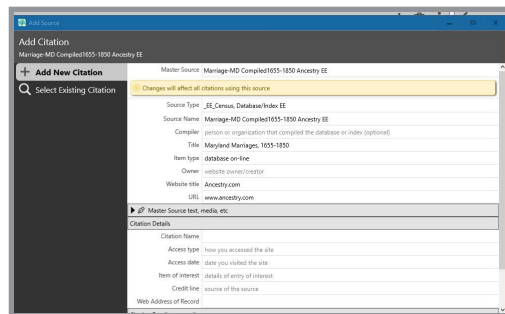
Clicking on the Add Source Citation opens a window to select a source or add a new source. I will first search for the source to see if it is already in my file. If I don't find it, then I will use the ADD NEW SOURCE option. To look for an existing source, I know that I would have used MARRIAGE in the source name and that it should have 'Marriage-MD' in the source abbreviation. Thus, I will look for that in my list of sources.



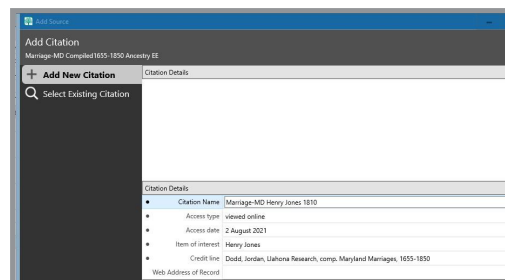
That pulls up several options with the 4th on the list looking like it should be the Ancestry source. To be sure, I click on that source to view the footnote.



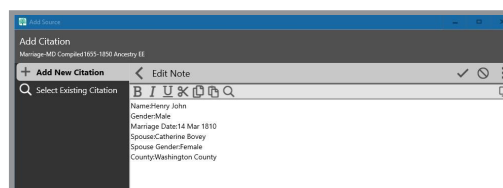
Then, I click on the NEXT button that opens the screen to ADD CITATION.



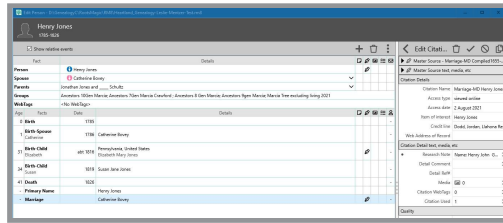
This window allows me to enter details regarding the source. It is also where the citation will be named.



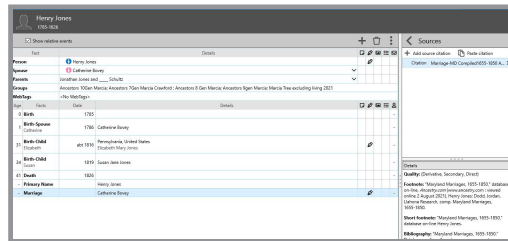
Scrolling down on the 'Add Citation' window reveals the place where I can add a 'Research Note'. This is similar to the 'Detail Text' area in RM7. My typical practice is to copy the info from the Ancestry screen and paste it into RM. Clicking on Research Note opens the EDIT NOTE window where I can paste the information. Because pasting lumps the information together, I also insert carriage returns so the information will be legible on the screen. In addition, I add a space after the colons. (OR – I can copy the text from Ancestry into Notepad and then copy from Notepad into RM8. Using Notepad keeps the line breaks and spacing and actually takes less time that doing the manual corrections.)



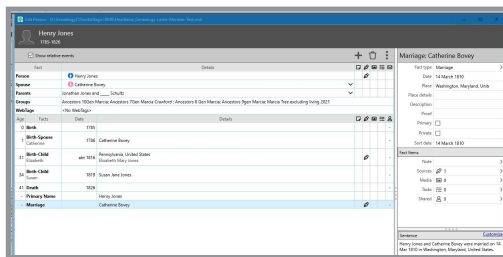
Clicking OK at the bottom of the window saves this information and returns to the Edit screen for the individual with the Edit Citation on the right.



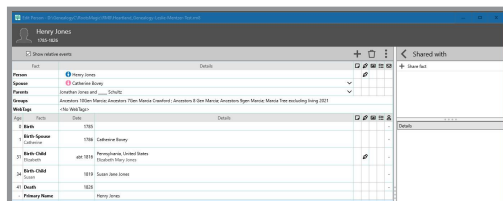
Clicking on the large < symbol to the left of Edit Citation (top of right side) closes the citation screen and returns to the Sources screen.



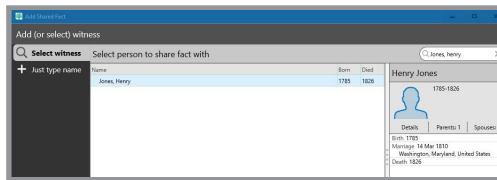
Clicking on the large < to the left of SOURCES closes that window and returns to the FACT info. This window shows the sentence for the fact, and indicates that there is one source attached to this fact.



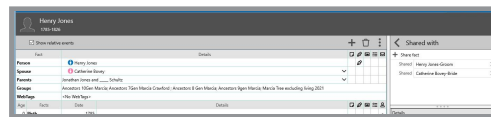
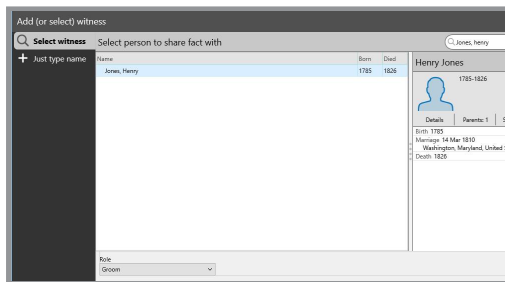
Since I want the marriage sentence to show on a narrative report, I share the marriage fact with the groom and bride. To do this, I click on the > to the right of SHARED. This opens the Shared With Window.



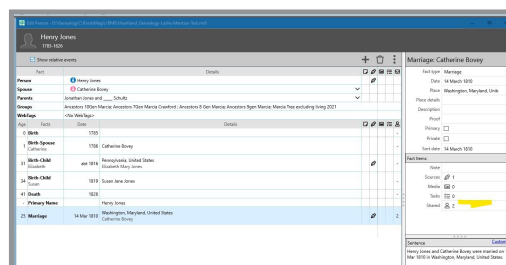
Clicking on the +Share Fact opens a window to search for those who share this fact. Typing the name in the search box narrows down the list of people to those with this name.



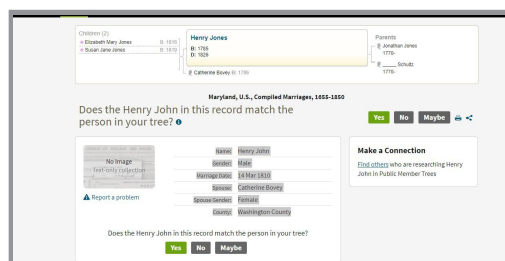
I then change the role to that of Groom for Henry Jones. When sharing the event with his wife, she will be assigned the role of Bride.



Now two people are listed as sharing the fact.

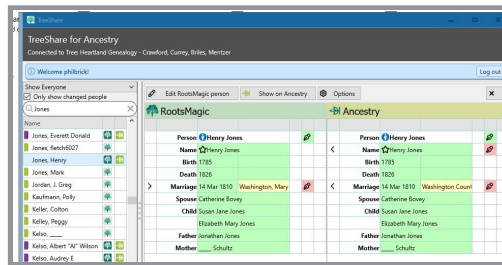


Then, on ANCESTRY, I will click on YES to add the source to my Ancestry tree.

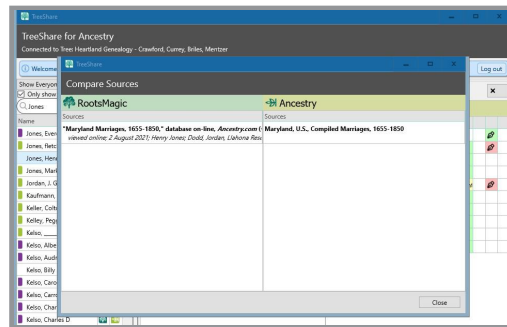


To finish the process, I use TreeShare to UPLOAD information from RootsMagic to Ancestry. In this case, the Marriage fact has a pink source that could be uploaded.





Clicking on the source icon opens a window to compare the sources.



Since the sources are the same I will IGNORE the pink differences and click on the X to 'Mark as Not Changed'.

Thus, I have the fact in RootsMagic with a source attached and the same source attached in Ancestry.

# Character of Dodge

Saturday, August 28, 2021

#52Ancestors

What do you think of when you hear the word, character? Do you have a 'character' in your family tree?

'Character' is the #52Ancestors blogging prompt for this week. Not knowing how to approach this topic, I tried a newspapers search for the term 'character' in the Dodge City, Kansas newspapers between 1875 and 1885. I limited the search to Dodge City because that is my dad's hometown. I used the 1875-1885 date range because it represents the time period in which the Crawford family migrated to Dodge City.

Instead of finding articles about a person, I found several articles about changing the character of the town. One of those articles discussed how the character of the town was appearing in newspapers around the world. So, I changed my search to look for 'Dodge City character' in 1883.

That search found a letter from several of the prominent citizens of Dodge City that was published in the Topeka Daily Capital (Topeka, Kansas) on 18 May 1883.

A Plain Statement

Of the Recent Troubles at Dodge City, KS

As Made by the Officials of that City – Simply a Desire to Rid their Community of Blacklegs and Gamblers.

Dodge City, Ks, May 15, 1883 — There has been quite a commotion among the papers of Kansas City and Topeka, and while they would have the readers of their respective papers believe that Dodge is in the hands of a mob, and that the persons and property of peaceable citizens are in constant jeopardy from destruction, the city itself and its inhabitants have been pursuing the even tenor of their way, the city assuming an aspect peaceable — if anything more so than it has for years. The doings of violence to persons and property by the mob in Dodge City is all being done in Kansas City and Topeka through the press, while in fact Dodge City itself, the scene of all the lawlessness as stated, is quiet, orderly and peaceable.

The occasion for what the press have called trouble is only a repetition of what is found to be necessary about every two years in Dodge City; that is, a clearing out of an element composed of bold, daring men of illegal profession who, from toleration by the respectable portion of the community, are allowed to gain a prestige found difficult to unseat. This element has to be banished, or else the respectable people have to be bulldozed and browbeat by a class of men without any vested interest or visible means of support, who should be allowed to remain in a decent community only by toleration, but who, instead, after gaining prestige, they undertake to dictate the government of the better class. This is the element which Dodge City has recently ordered out of town, an act which is done in every town of good government. The facts have been misunderstood, both to and by the press and to the Governor. The true state of facts is about as follows:

At the last April election, Deger and Harris ran for mayor of the city. Harris is a gambler by profession and living in open adultery with a public prostitute, and the interest which he has in the town is merely of a local character. He could close up and settle his affairs one day. The only real estate that he owns, and on which he pays taxes, is a small house in which he lives, and he would not own that only it is cheaper than for him to rent. It is worth about \$400. He is a man whose character no respectable man in the community in which he lives would vouch for. He is a man that is recognized by the decent people as a sympathizer friend and shielder of the gambler, thug, confidence man and murderer, who may be arrested by the authorities for offenses against the law. He is always to be found on their bond for recognizance, no matter how glaring the deed or heinous the offense for which they stand charged.

This man was the candidate for mayor representing the gambling element. Dager, who is a man of irreproachable character and honesty, is an old resident of the town and represented the better class of people and as a matter of course, as was conceded, he was elected by a large majority, but it was very apparent that Harris felt very sore over his defeat. It was also very apparent that he and some of his followers who were mostly composed of gamblers were going to buck against everything the new administration done.

At the first meeting of the new administration it was found necessary to pass and revise certain ordinances and among them was one to prohibit women of lewd character from loitering around saloons and upon the streets. This ordinance was passed upon the application of a majority of the business men including the saloon men of the town. They also passed another ordinance in regard to gamblers, which they considered stringent and loudly denounced it, and upon the application of a committee representing the gamblers, the councilman made concessions, and in fact, made all the concessions asked, in order to preserve peace and harmony. The ordinance in regard to women, went into effect two days before the concessions was made by the councilmen. The first day and night the women obeyed the ordinance without a single exception, but the second night which was the night of the concession made by the mayor and councilman, Short, Harris and another gambler, who were loud in their abuse of the ordinance, there being no women down town, went to a house of ill fame, and according to their spoken words, forced two of the inmates down to their saloon to violate the ordinance, saying that they would pay the fines and costs assessed against the women. The women, after being tried and fined for the offense had to pay their fines and costs themselves, and when ordered to leave town, and after Short and Harris refused to pay their fines, as above stated, they made a statement as above set forth, before the police judge, and since.

The officers, as was their duty, arrested the women and locked them up in the calaboose, for a violation of the city ordinance. After their arrest, Short, the partner of Harris, who is a gambler and an acknowledged hard character, attempted to assassinate L. C. Hartman, a special policeman who assisted in the arrest, by shooting at him from an obscure spot after night, which happened about as follows:

After making the arrest, Hartman walked down the principal street, and when in front of a general store, which was closed the front being dark, Hartman met Short and another gambler coming up the street. While passing by, Short and his companion, Short turned and drew a pistol and said, "There is one of the son's of \_\_\_\_; let's throw it into him," immediately firing two shots at Hartman from his six-shooter. Hartman, in his endeavor to turn upon Short, in some way fell to the ground. Short, supposing he had killed him, started to the saloon of one Tom Land, near by, but Hartman, immediately recovering

himself, fired one shot at Short. Strange to say, neither of the shots fired took effect.

Short gave bonds in the sum of 42,000 and afterwards filed a complaining against Hartman, stating that Hartman had fired the first shot, half a dozen of Short's confederates being ready to testify that he (Hartman) had done so, although there are several reliable business men who witnessed the affair, who will testify that Short fired the two first shots as above stated.

The women were locked up. Short and Harris were bound they should not remain locked up all night, as is customary with prisoners when locked up by city authorities. By intimidating some of the city officers by threats, etc., they affected their purpose. In all these proceedings, Short was the leader and spokesman. He is the man who but a few weeks ago pulled out his pistol and beat one of our most respectful citizens over the head until he was carried home on a stretcher, and his life was despaired of for several days. He is a man who, on several occasions, has picked up chairs and broke them over the heads of men who, as it happened, had done something in his place of business that displeased him. He is a man that killed his man, an old gray-headed man 57 years old, in Tombstone, Arizona, and has been run out of that and other places by respectable people. He is a man who was an intimate friend of such men as Jack McCarty, the notorious and well known three card monte and confidence man, known all through the west as being a hard character, and who recently died near this place after being convicted of highway robbery and about to receive his sentence of ten years.

Harris and Short keep a saloon that is a refuge and resort for all confidence men, thieves and gamblers that visit the town, and the statements that have been made in regard to the place kept by Webster are false. He is regarded as a man of personal honor and integrity, and as mayor of the city, an office he held for two terms, he so conducted the affairs of the city, and made such vigorous war on bunko, steerers, thugs and confidence men as to gain the gratitude and respect of every law abiding citizen of the place.

It was very apparent to the mayor and councilmen of the city that this element, with Harris and Short at their head, were going to violate, encourage, shield and protect all violators of the laws of the city, and that the probability was that there would be trouble in the city during the whole of their administration if they and their followers remained. Short had attempted to assassinate an officer in the discharge of his duty, had bulldozed the city officers, had violated, aided and abetted in the violation of the laws, and at a meeting of the mayor and a large number of citizens, including the council, it was after due deliberation and consideration, determined to arrest Luke Short and his followers and let them leave town, and accordingly, he, with six other associates, were arrested on complaint and warrant and locked in the calaboose and precautions taken that they did not escape, and were allowed to leave town the next day. There was no mob violence used whatever. None but regular officers of the city made the arrest, but in the case they were resisted there was sufficient force composed of armed citizens held in reserve to aid in the arrest.

It was afterwards ascertained by one of the parties arrested, who peached on the balance, that it was known by Short and party they were to be arrested, and as soon as the officers came to arrest them it was understood they were organized and that Short was to start the shooting and the balance of the party were to follow it up, but as stated by him "somebody weakened." The citizens understood the characters of the men they were dealing with and were prepared for them, and this was the occasion for the circulation that it was a mob. It was bona fide citizens armed to aid the officers if

necessary in the enforcement of the laws.

Much of the confusion and misunderstanding regarding the situation in our city is due to the misrepresentations made to the Governor by one W. F. Petillon. Petillon is clerk of the district court and lives about six miles north of Dodge City on a claim of 160 acres. He had been recognized and identified as a Harris man some time before the lection, which cam about as follows: Jack McCarty had been arrested at this point for highway robbery, and had given bond for \$2,000. Harris, as one of the bondsmen, and Short, having no property against which execution could issue, got a citizen worth some real estate to sign the bond and he (Short) deposited the amount to secure the party so signing. The bond was given for McCarty's appearance to be tried. McCarty appeared and in the course of the trial it was evident from the evidence McCarty would be convicted. After conviction and before sentence, McCarty escaped. When his escape became known, the clerk, Petillon, was applied to for the bond, he being the proper custodian of the papers in the case. Upon application, he could not give it, as he did not know where it was. He had it at the last day of court and was the one seen to have it last. The bond was never found, although he acknowledged it was properly filed, and it is impossible to obliterate from the minds of a great many respectable people here that Petillon knew why and where that bond disappeared. it has been a noticeable feature that since that time Petillon has been a firm believer and supporter of the Harris and Short combination. This is the kind of man Governor Glick sends for, instead of sending for a proper representative as any reasonable, intelligent, discreet man should to investigate.

The condition of Dodge City at present is orderly and law-abiding, and the prospects are it will so continue if these men remain away. If they are allowed to remain it will be against the will and without the consent of a majority of the law-abiding citizens of this community, and if the Governor, through his interference and encouragement, forces these men back on us he does so at his peril, and if there is bloodshed as a result the responsibility will not rest entirely with the Governor, who had he not given the matter encouragement,, it would have passed by unnoticed, as an occurrence frequent in all cities desirous of being law-abiding, and of good government.

Dated at Dodge City, Kansas the 15th day of May, 1883.

L. E. Deger, Mayor  
H. B. Bell  
H. T. Drake  
George S. Emerson  
H. M. Beverly, Councilmen of Dodge City  
R. E. Burns, Police Judge  
N. B. Klaine, City Treasurer  
L. C. Hartman, City Clerk  
C. E. Chipman, Assistant Marshal  
Fred T. M. Wentz, City Attorney  
J. L. Bridges, City Marshal  
T. L. McCarty, City Physician

About a year after this letter was written, my 2nd great grandfather, Washington Marion Crawford, would move his family from Warren County, Indiana to Dodge City where he would join his older brother who was already living in Dodge City. Obviously the conflict in Dodge City did not prevent my ancestor from moving there. Perhaps that is due to the fact the citizens of Dodge City fought to change the character of the town.





## Junior High

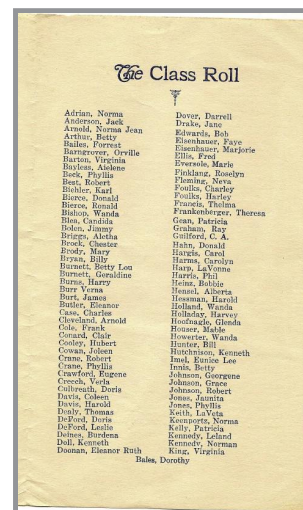
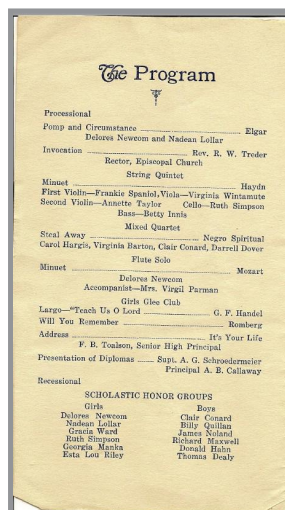
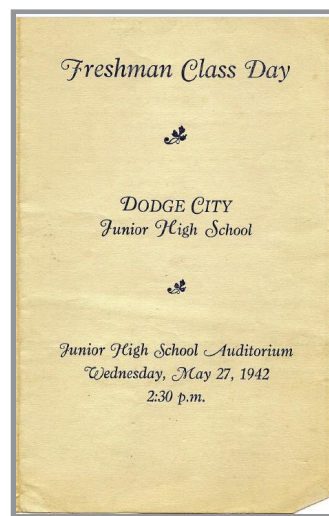
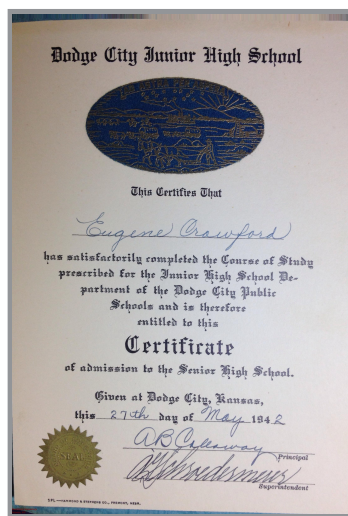
Sunday, August 29, 2021

#SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

**Here is your assignment if you choose to play along (cue the Mission Impossible music):**

1) Do you have memories of your Junior High School (or Middle School) years? Please share several of them.

Instead of sharing about my junior high experience, I'm going to share a couple of items from my dad's junior high years.



## The Class Roll

Adrian, Norma  
Anderson, Jack  
Arnold, Norma Jean



Arthur, Betty  
Bailes, Forrest  
Barngrover, Orville  
Barton, Virginia  
Bayless, Aielene  
Beck, Phyllis  
Best, Robert  
Biehler, Karl  
Bierce, Donald  
Bierce, Ronald  
Bishop, Wanda  
Blea, Candida  
Bolen, Jimmy  
Briggs, Aletha  
Brock, Chester  
Brody, Mary  
Bryan, Billy  
Burnett, Betty Lou  
Burnett, Geraldine  
Burns, Harry  
Burr, Verna  
Burt, James  
Butler, Elanor  
Case, Charles  
Cleveland, Arnold  
Cole, Frank  
Conard, Clair  
Cooley, Hubert  
Cowan, Joleen  
Crane, Robert  
Crane, Phyllis  
Crawford, Eugene  
Creech, Verla  
Culbreath, Doris  
Davis, Coleen  
Davis, Harold  
Dealy, Thomas  
DeFord, Doris  
DeFord, Leslie  
Deines, Burdena  
Doll, Kenneth  
Doonan, Eleanor Ruth  
Bales, Dorothy  
Dover, Darrell  
Drake, Jane  
Edwards, Bob  
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Ellis, Fred  
Eversole, Marie  
Finklang, Roselyn  
Fleming, Neva

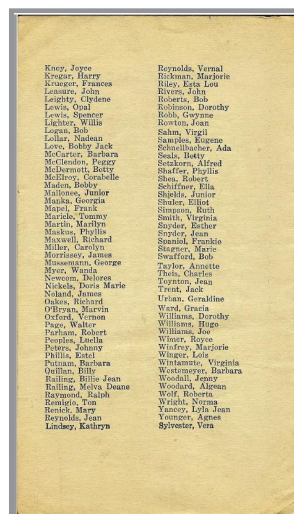
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Francis, Thelma  
Frankenberger, Theresa  
Gean, Patricia  
Graham, Ray  
Guilford, C. A.  
Hahn, Donald  
Hargis, Carol  
Harms, Carolyn  
Harp, LaVonne  
Harris, Phil  
Heinz, Bobbie  
Hensel, Alberta  
Hessman, Harold  
Holland, Wanda  
Holladay, Harvey  
Hoofnagle, Glenda  
Houser, Mable  
Howerter, Wanda  
Hunter, Bill  
Hutchinson, Kenneth  
Imel, Eunice Lee  
Innis, Betty  
Johnson, Georgene  
Johnson, Grace  
Johnson, Robert  
Jones, Juanita  
Jones, Phyllis  
Keith, LaVeta  
Keenportz, Norma  
Kelly, Patricia  
Kennedy, Leland  
Kennedy, Norman  
King, Virginia

Class Roll continued on back of program

Knoy, Joyce  
Kregar, Harry  
Krueger, Frances  
Leasure, John  
Leighty, Clydene  
Lewis, Opal  
Lewis, Spencer  
Lighter, Willis  
Logan, Bob  
Lollar, Nadean  
Love, Bobby Jack  
McCarter, Barbara  
McClendon, Peggy  
McDermott, Betty

McElroy, Corabelle  
Maden, Bobby  
Mallonee, Junior  
Manka, Georgia  
Mapel, Frank  
Maricle, Tommy  
Martin, Marilyn  
Maskus, Phyllis  
Maxwell, Richard  
Miller, Carolyn  
Morrissey, James  
Mussemann, George  
Myer, Wanda  
Newcom, Delores  
Nickels, Doris Marie  
Noland, James  
Oakes, Richard  
O'Bryan, Marvin  
Oxford, Vernon  
Page, Walter  
Parham, Robert  
Peoples, Luella  
Peters, Johnny  
Phillis, Estel  
Putnam, Barbara  
Quillan, Billy  
Railing, Billie Jean  
Railing, Melva Deane  
Raymond, Ralph  
Remigio, Ton  
Renick, Mary  
Reynolds, Jean  
Lindsey, Kathryn  
Reynolds, Vernal  
Rickman, Marjorie  
Riley, Esta Lou  
Rivers, John  
Roberts, Bob  
Robinson, Dorothy  
Robb, Gwynne  
Rowton, Joan  
Sahm, Virgil  
Samples, Eugene  
Schnellbacher, Ada  
Seals, Betty  
Setzkorn, Alfred  
Shaffer, Phyllis  
Shea, Robert  
Schiffner, Ella  
Shields, Junior  
Shuler, Elliot  
Simpson, Ruth

Snyder, Esther  
 Snyder, Jean  
 Spaniol, Frankie  
 Stagner, Marie  
 Swafford, Bob  
 Taylor, Annette  
 Theis, Charles  
 Toynton, Jean  
 Trent, Jack  
 Urban, Geraldine  
 Ward, Gracia  
 Williams, Dorothy  
 Williams, Hugo  
 Williams, Joe  
 Wimer, Royce  
 Winfrey, Marjorie  
 Winger, Lois  
 Wintamute, Virginia  
 Westemeyer, Barbara  
 Woodall, Jenny  
 Woodard, Algean  
 Wolf, Roberta  
 wright, Norma  
 Yancey, Lyla Jean  
 Younger, Agnes  
 Sylvester, Vera



# Boyle's Company

Monday, August 30, 2021

When researching your family history, have you ever read a county history? I'm not referring to browsing those sections where you think your family might be found but actually reading the history starting on page 1. Well, I have to admit that I've fallen into the 'browser' method in the past.

As I'm trying to find connections between my Crawford family in Kentucky and Crawford families in Virginia, I decided I needed to read some histories. I was going to start with a history of Montgomery County, Virginia but decided that I need to learn more about early Kentucky history first. Thus, I found a downloadable version of Collins' History of Kentucky on FamilySearch and started reading it last night.

I only get to page 12 before I find something that may connect with my Crawford research. At the bottom of the page is a list of the members of Captain John Boyle's Company, April 1, 1780. Included in this list is one 'Wm. Crawford'. Now, I have no idea which William Crawford this might be. However, there are a couple of other names on the roll that might help me figure this out. The one that stands out the most is Basil Maxwell. The Basil Maxwell in my file is married to Margaret Anderson, daughter of Col. John Anderson. Also in the company are two Andersons: Jacob Anderson and James Anderson.

CAPTAIN JOHN BOYLE'S COMPANY, APRIL 1, 1780.		
[At Stations on and near Dick's River, in now Garrard, Lincoln, and Boyle counties.]		
John Boyle, Capt.	Wm. Crawford,	Wm. Hicks, Sr.,
Samuel Davis, Lieut.	James Davis,	Nehemiah Poore,
Elisha Clary, Ensign	Robert Davis,	John Poynter,
Barney Boyle,	Dennis Diven,	James Reeves,
Jonathan Marshall,	Owen Diven,	Wm. Rowan,
Sergeants	Hugh Galbreath,	John Vardeman,
Jacob Anderson,	Brandon Gordon,	Alex. Walker,
James Anderson,	Peter Higgins,	Wm. Whitley,
Thomas Arbuckle,	John Hicks,	John Wilkinson,
James Boyle,	Robert Moore,	Wm. Young—36.
	Samuel Moore,	

Not only is the Anderson and Maxwell connections a clue that this Wm Crawford might be the William Crawford who was in early Garrard County, but the description for the company places them in early Garrard County.

Thanks to a deed I discovered years ago, I've been able to piece together at least some of the Anderson family. That John Anderson deed identifies his legatees:

This indenture made this third day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight between Samuel Campbell and Mary his wife of the County of Madison, **Bez' I Maxwell** and Margret his wife, **James Crawford** and Rebeca his wife of the County of Garrard, **James Anderson** and Hannah his wife of the county of Madison, John Gap and Anne his wife of the County of Bourbon and William M. Morrison and Betsey his wife of the County of Madison and all of the State of Kentucky being the part of the legatees to the estate of John Anderson Dec'd

Three of the names on the list of Captain John Boyle's company are also found on the list of 'Early Settlers of Boonesborough' including John Boyle, James Anderson and William Hicks. Even though no Crawfords are found on this list there several Andersons on the list.

- Anderson, James – 1775
- Anderson, Jemima
- Anderson, John – 1780
- Anderson, Mary – married Captain John Kennedy
- Anderson, Nicholas

Besides the Anderson children, several Anderson spouses are also on the list:

- Gass, John – 1775 — s/o Capt. David Gass
- Morris, William
- Campbell, Samuel

This list of members of Captain Boyle's company is just one more clue that may lead to confirming these Crawford relationships. However, It provides additional names for my fan club! It looks like more research and more reading is in my future!

# Bible Confusion

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Are you blessed with a family Bible in your genealogy collection? Are you lucky enough to have several family Bibles? I've had the good fortune to have had access to several family Bibles including Crawford, Currey, Mentzer and Wells.

As I've been going thru the facts and sources I have for my grandmother's Mentzer siblings, I've become confused about the Bibles. You see, there are four of them. I have one in my possession, a photocopy of one and transcriptions of the other two.

- Family Bible of Emeline Minnick Mentzer (photocopy obtained from descendant)
- Charles Mentzer Bible – Bible in my possession but in very poor condition
- Charles Mentzer Bible – in possession of my 1st cousin – transcription indicates this Bible was given to Charles Mentzer by his daughter Pauline
- Pauline Mentzer Briles Bible – transcription matches transcription of Charles Mentzer Bible – not sure this is a separate Bible

Thus, when I'm documenting the birth information for my grandmother's siblings, I have three different Bible records containing that information: the Emeline Mentzer Bible and the two Charles Mentzer Bibles. However, when it comes to the death dates, I only find some of them in the Bible records kept by Pauline Mentzer Briles.

Not only does it get confusing working with the sourcing of these Bibles, but it appears that I have at times attached the images or PDF files to the wrong Bible. Not only that, but it looks like I have multiple sources for two of the Bibles and no source for the Pauline Briles Bible.

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 Bible-CURRY  
 Bible-Scott owned by Rogers  
 Bible-Mentzer, Charles  
 Bible-Mentzer, George  
 Bible-Mentzer, Eugene Schaefer  
 Bible-Mentzer, Pauline Schaefer  
 Bible-Mentzer, Pauline Schaefer  
 Bible-Oliver, Rachel Williams  
 Bible-Sellers, Joseph J Ward  
 Bible-Sellers, William David  
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 Bio-Curry, George E.

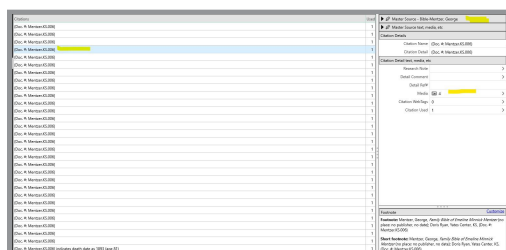
I can easily merge these 'duplicate' sources in RootsMagic 7. However, I cannot tell where these sources are used. Nor, can I tell what media is attached to the source.

I do have a 'tool' that will help me figure out where these sources are used: the preview version of RootsMagic 8. By opening a copy of my file in RM8, and looking at the list of sources, I can see how many times that source has been used. (Since I haven't merged sources yet, I still have the same duplication as seen in RM7 .)

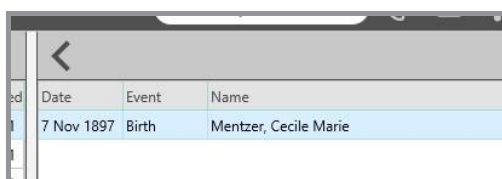
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Ella-Sales, Joseph / Ward		38
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Ella-Wells Family Bible for Osea Wells and Thosment C. Wells families J. ...		11
Evangelical Union - Churches		11



If I click on the > sign to the right of the number of citations, the list of citations opens. Because this sourcing and accompanying citation was created in The Master Genealogist, this list of citations for the Emeline Mentzer Bible is not at all helpful since it simply tells me the document number for the photocopy



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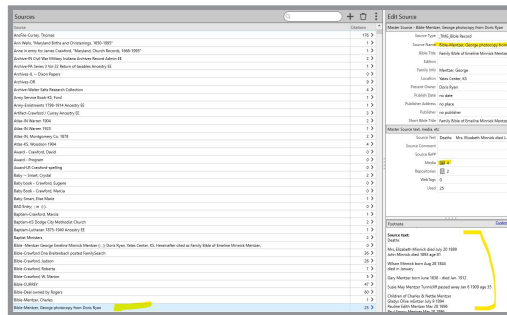
Most of these citations have no media attached, when they all should have 1 PDF file attached. Several of the citations have 4 or 5 media files attached — and these are images from a different Bible. Thus, my mess (and my confusion).

To 'clean up' this mess, I need to work in RootsMagic 7 and not in RootsMagic 8. I think the quickest way to get these sources corrected will be to start over.

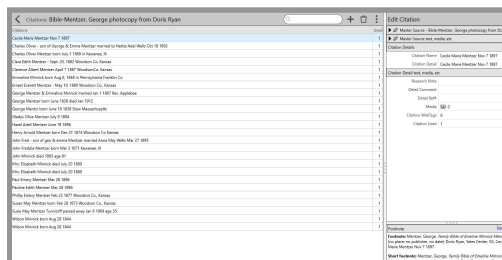
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- Delete the original source
- Attach the media to the new source
- Enter the transcription as Master Text
- Attach new source to the appropriate facts
- Enter their name and the event in the citation details for the source

Once completed for the Emeline Mentzer Bible, the RM7 file was closed and then imported into RM8 to see if this process improved the source in terms of the media, transcription and citations.

Studying the source in RM8 shows that 4 images are attached to the source (the PDF file and 3 jpeg images of the pages from the PDF file) and that a transcription is part of the source.



Going to the citation screen for this source shows improved citations.



That's one set of Bible records completed and three more to go. However, when I'm finished I will have better sourcing in RM 7 and much less confusion about the Bibles – especially when my data moves to RootsMagic 8.





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